



Assessment of Progress and Conditions of Troy Parks from 1990 to Present  
and Analysis of 2018 Parks Master Plan Public Involvement Survey

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# Introduction



**Purpose:**

In 2018, a decision was made that the *Master Plan for Parks and Recreation and Schools* (1990 Master Plan), which provided short- and long-term facilities recommendations, needs to be updated. The following document was created with the purpose to facilitate the future development process of a new master plan for the City of Troy parks system. It presents information about national and state trends, outdoor participation patterns, a progress report on the Troy parks system from 1990 to present, an assessment of the conditions of the parks, and an analysis of the *City of Troy Parks Master Plan Public Involvement Survey* (2018 Survey). The compilation of data intends to encourage discussion about creating a new master plan for parks.

**Process:**

As part of updating the 1990 Master Plan, an opportunity was given to the community in 2018 to participate in the process. To determine attitudes and priorities about Troy parks, City staff compiled a survey of 16 questions. The questions sought information about:

- Respondents’ gender, age, area of residence and work, and number of children;
- The frequency of visitation to each park;
- Means used to get to the parks;
- Perception of safety at the parks;
- Reasons for visiting;
- Evaluation of parks facility conditions and activities;
- Respondents’ priorities regarding the Troy parks system;
- Additional comments, concerns, and suggestions.

In 2018, *City of Troy Parks Master Plan Public Involvement Survey* was released to the public. Information was collected via Google forms as well as hard copy surveys provided on the first floor of City Hall and the Troy Senior Citizens Center. A link to the survey was up on the City’s website for the duration of the survey. A PDF version was available on the City’s website to print out and drop off at City Hall.

The survey was also advertised on City social media to encourage participation (refer Exhibit 2 in Appendix to see a copy of the 2018 Survey).

Based on the results of the survey, 648 persons answered the questionnaire. They contributed valuable input that helped City staff identify what community’s priorities and attitudes are. These results provided additional comments, concerns, and suggestions that help to determine issues to be addressed to serve the community’s needs better. The detailed survey results and community feedback are included in this document (Exhibit 3, Appendix).

In addition to public involvement, key participants in developing *Assessment of Progress and Conditions of Troy Parks from 1990 to and Present Analysis of 2018 Parks Master Plan Public Involvement Survey*, include the City of Troy’s administrators as well as Park Department and Recreation Department staff. The intention of incorporating the parks assessment, feedback from the survey, and interviews is to foster discussion and promote development process of new master plan for parks.

A master plan for parks would serve as a valuable part of the City of Troy’s strategic plan. The City views parks as essential amenities that must be leveraged to facilitate Troy’s future development. Furthermore, demand for parks and recreation activities is strong among Americans. The 2015 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) study, *Americans’ Use and Perceptions of Local Recreation and Park Services: A Nationwide Reassessment*, shows that Americans’ attitudes toward local parks remain as strong as they were in 1992. However, technological, environmental, and social changes enhanced the demand to use local parks for health benefits and social interaction. In Americans’ perception, local parks are vital elements that create vibrant, dynamic communities.<sup>1</sup> Thus, it is important for the

City to consider general community attitudes, to develop a successful improvement plan that will help the City to achieve its goal to maintain a strong economy, attract businesses, retain and develop a workforce, and create a unified community that will enjoy an exceptional quality of life.

To ensure future development, the City recently adopted a *Complete Streets Policy* to improve the transportation network and updated the *City of Troy Comprehensive Plan*, which is used for planning and managing growth. The City also hired MKSK Studios, the award-winning urban planning, design and landscape architecture firm, to conducted the *Troy Downtown Riverfront Strategic Development Study* to facilitate the advancement of Troy’s historic downtown area and stay competitive in the globalized economy and changing demographics. All three documents represent Troy’s effort toward development, and if the new master plan for parks would be created, it could serve as an additional tool to help the City to achieve its goal.

**City of Troy Complete Streets Policy:**

The purpose of this policy is to promote a more livable community by creating a comprehensive, integrated, balanced, and connected transportation network accessible to users of all ages and abilities who will be able to travel safely and comfortably.

Complete streets are designed to accommodate motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, transit and school bus riders, and emergency responders to move along and cross the street. By providing diverse transportation means, the policy will result in increased public health, reduced demand for motor vehicles, and walkable neighborhoods which can stimulate interaction among residents to strengthen the sense of community and pride.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> National Recreation and Park Association, “Americans’ Broad-Based Support for Local recreation and Park Services: Results from a Nationwide Study,” 2016, 7.

<sup>2</sup> City of Troy, *Complete Streets Policy*, 2017, 2-4.

### City of Troy Comprehensive Plan:

The Troy Comprehensive Plan provides information about the official policies regarding development of the city to serve as a main document to facilitate the City, community organizations, private entities and citizens in decision making process. The document also contains detailed information about demographic and economic trends, natural resources, land use and topography, parks, recreation, and open space. Most importantly, it provides an implementation plan for the City's overall development including parks and open space.

In the implementation plan for neighborhoods and housing, the City of Troy's focus is to offer various options for housing for all types of people to satisfy broader range of housing needs. The second goal is to seek grants to assist residents with down payments and housing rehabilitation. Another aim is to encourage restoration of historically significant residences and individual units while extending residential areas in proportion with community facilities such as schools, parks and utilities.

To facilitate economic growth, the City plans to retain and expand employment base, to utilize vacant commercial and industrial structures, to create a Regional Employment Center that will cooperate with adjacent townships to boost industrial advancement, attract new businesses and industry to expand employment opportunities, and will act to eliminate skills gap. Furthermore, the City will work on improving infrastructure for future industrial development.

The implementation plan for downtown development emphasizes preserving historic district's architectural significance, offering economic incentives to downtown property owners to reinvest in their properties, and utilizing vacant floors for retail or other purposes.

The implementation plan for parks and open space establishes two goals. First is ensuring proportional expansion of park system and open space with population growth by updating the Subdivision Regulations, establishing standards and guidelines for future development of community and neighborhood parks. The second goal is to create a comprehensive strategic Great Miami River Corridor Plan

from Eldean Road to SR 202 to fully and effectively use the adjacent parks, lands, river, views, and neighborhoods.

The updated Comprehensive Plan also identifies important themes related to the City:

- With the strong leadership, commitment to the economic growth, and a strong base of necessary resources, the City of Troy has successfully established a track record of providing quality jobs, high level services, and civic amenities.
- The City supports a measured, steady, and planned physical expansion.
- Troy will use its planning and zoning authority to balance the demand and supply of commercial space and monitor housing choices in the city.
- The City intends to redevelop and maintain older areas.
- Troy prioritizes leveraging Downtown Troy's potential to make it better known as a unique destination.
- The City also continues to support development of parks and recreation activities as it recognizes the vital role of these valuable assets in building a livable and vibrant community.<sup>3</sup>

### Troy Downtown Riverfront Strategic Development Study:

The purpose of this study is to create a vision for Troy to facilitate the City's course toward economic growth, increased investment, and talent attraction and retention. In addition, the study emphasizes amplifying special character of the downtown and riverfront areas.

The process of the study involved public feedback and research regarding an existing conditions assessment, demographic trends, and real estate market. The study also discovered the following issues facing the City:

- The households are getting smaller and older;
- Youth are relocating to larger cities faster than new residents are coming to Troy;

- Increasing preference to choose a dynamic place to live and work eventuates in thousands of unfilled blue collar and white collar jobs.

The study also addresses changed dynamics in the labor market and states that now companies and industries are following knowledge workers. Hence, it becomes crucially important for the City to leverage all the resources and opportunities for development and economic growth. The new amenities must be created and the existing ones updated in response to the demand. The study points out the most important features of Troy that can be used to its advantage toward prosperous growth. Mentioned features include the City's positioning along a storied river, a vigorous bike trail network, a historically significant downtown and urban appeal surrounded by beautiful neighborhoods, and operations of industrial companies creating a large group of corporate citizens who are the great contributors to the city.

The strategic investment plan MKSK Studios envisions for Troy is derived from the potential the city holds. The plan recommends:

- Infill development to utilize existing structures or fill empty sites;
- Investing in public spaces such as a community garden, Prouty Plaza upgrade, Arts Walk along Clay Street, Water Street Heritage Trail, and Truck Yard;
- To offer condo rental options in the downtown area;
- Develop districts along the river by establishing a riverfront park and building commercial or residential complexes. The improved levee and riverscape will become a great recreational public space;
- Build the Plum Street Pedestrian Bridge to connect Downtown Troy to the new River District, the Hobart Arena, Troy Memorial Stadium and Troy High School, and the Aquatic Park.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Department of Development, *City of Troy Comprehensive Plan*, 2019, i.

<sup>4</sup> MKSK Studios, *Troy Downtown Riverfront Strategic Development Study*, 2017, 25-52.



# Overview of the City of Troy

**Overview:**

Troy, located in Miami County, Ohio, and serving as its seat of government, is a thriving, progressive community. The city is 12 square miles with an estimated population of 26,132 as of 2018.<sup>5</sup> Troy is a full-service statutory (non-charter) city that provides: police, fire and paramedic rescue, solid waste and recycling, parks and recreation, water, sewer and stormwater treatment and distribution, street repair and snow/ice removal. Key departments and personnel are:

- The Mayor
- City Council
- The Treasurer
- The Auditor
- The Director of Law
- The Director of Public Service and Safety

Troy also has the Park Department governed by a three-member Board of Park Commissioners, which is appointed by the Mayor and funded through the City’s General Fund. It is a separate entity from the Recreation Board. By contrast, the Recreation Board consists of five members. Three members are appointed by the Mayor and two members are appointed by the Troy City School District Board of Education. Both boards operate autonomously and rely on the City’s general and other funds for operating and capital expenses.

Troy has a very aggressive economic development program and maintains a solid economic base of corporate operations, including such national and international companies as Clopay, Honda, ConAgra, ITW, and Hobart. Residents and visitors alike enjoy recreational amenities including Hobart Arena, Treasure Island Park, Troy Aquatic Park, Miami Shores Golf Course, and the Great Miami River. Troy has a reputation for community pride, friendliness, and hospitality. A diverse community, commercial and industrial growth, historic downtown, various activities to be enjoyed, and attractions give Troy its uniqueness making it attractive to live or visit.

<sup>5</sup> United States Census Bureau, “QuickFacts: Troy city, Ohio,” accessed August 23, 2019.  
<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

**Demographics:**

To formulate a proper plan for parks development, demographic trends and changes in population makeup are significant factors to be considered. These two elements are the determinants for the size of park land and park types the community needs. Comparison of the City of Troy’s historical population trends and land use for parks and recreation illustrate that the City has always provided proportional acreages of park land to its population.

In 1910 the City’s population was 6,122, and since then it has continued to increase. The population steadily increased between 1970 and 2010. According to the United States Census Bureau, Troy’s population in 1970 was 17,186 and 25,058 in 2010.<sup>6</sup>

Observation on the age profile of the community shows that between 1910 and 2010 the number of persons under age 5, between 5-14 and 15-24 has decreased. The City maintained almost the same number of residents in the age range of 25-34 but gained an increase in the population above 35.

The U.S Census Bureau’s *2017 American Community Survey 5-year estimates* illustrate that during this period, the City of Troy’s population reached 25,694. The age groups of Under 5, 5 to 14, and 25-44 experienced further decrease. However, age groups of 15-24, 45-54, and Above 65 have increased.<sup>7</sup>

The population trends analysis and *Troy Downtown Riverfront Strategic Development Study* reveal the pattern that unlike older adults and retirees, Troy’s youth population has been decreasing throughout the past three to four decades. The results may be indicating that young adults between the ages of 25 and 44 prefer to move to other cities which can offer those services and amenities that will satisfy their needs.

The article *Young People’s Love of Cities isn’t a Passing Fad* discusses a study which observed the net migration of young adults,

<sup>7</sup> American Fact Finder, “American Community Survey 5-year Estimates,” accessed August 23, 2019.

ages 25-34, and older adults, ages 35-44 and 45-64, in the top 20 urbanized areas in the U.S. from 1980 and 2010. The study showed that young adults ages 20-24 are the most urban, and adults ages 25-34 are the major group who contribute to urban revival and are attracted by the amenities such as retail, entertainment, recreation, and food-service. For adults aged 25-44 access to transit is the most important.<sup>8</sup>

The number of Millennials in the United States is expected to exceed Baby Boomers.<sup>9</sup> They fall into the age category which prefers to live in the city. Also, according to the report, *Millennial Outdoor Consumers*, more millennials participate in outdoor activities and spend more money on outdoor products than the average outdoor consumer.<sup>10</sup> Thus, now more than ever, it is imminent for the cities to design a development plan which will consider the changing trends.

The City of Troy adopted *Complete Streets Policy, Troy Downtown Riverfront Strategic Development Study*, and the effort to promote the development of a new master plan for parks reflect the effort to build a vibrant city with a strong urban core and recreation amenities which will motivate current and potential residents, especially young adults, to make Troy their home where they visit, work, and establish families.

<sup>8</sup> Richard Florida, “Young People’s Love of Cities isn’t a Passing Fad,” *CityLab*, May 28, 2019.  
<sup>9</sup> Richard Fry, “Millennials Projected to Overtake Baby Boomers as America’s Largest Generation,” Pew Research Center, March 1, 2018.  
<sup>10</sup>Outdoor Industry, “Millennial Outdoor Consumers,” July 17, 2016, p. 1.

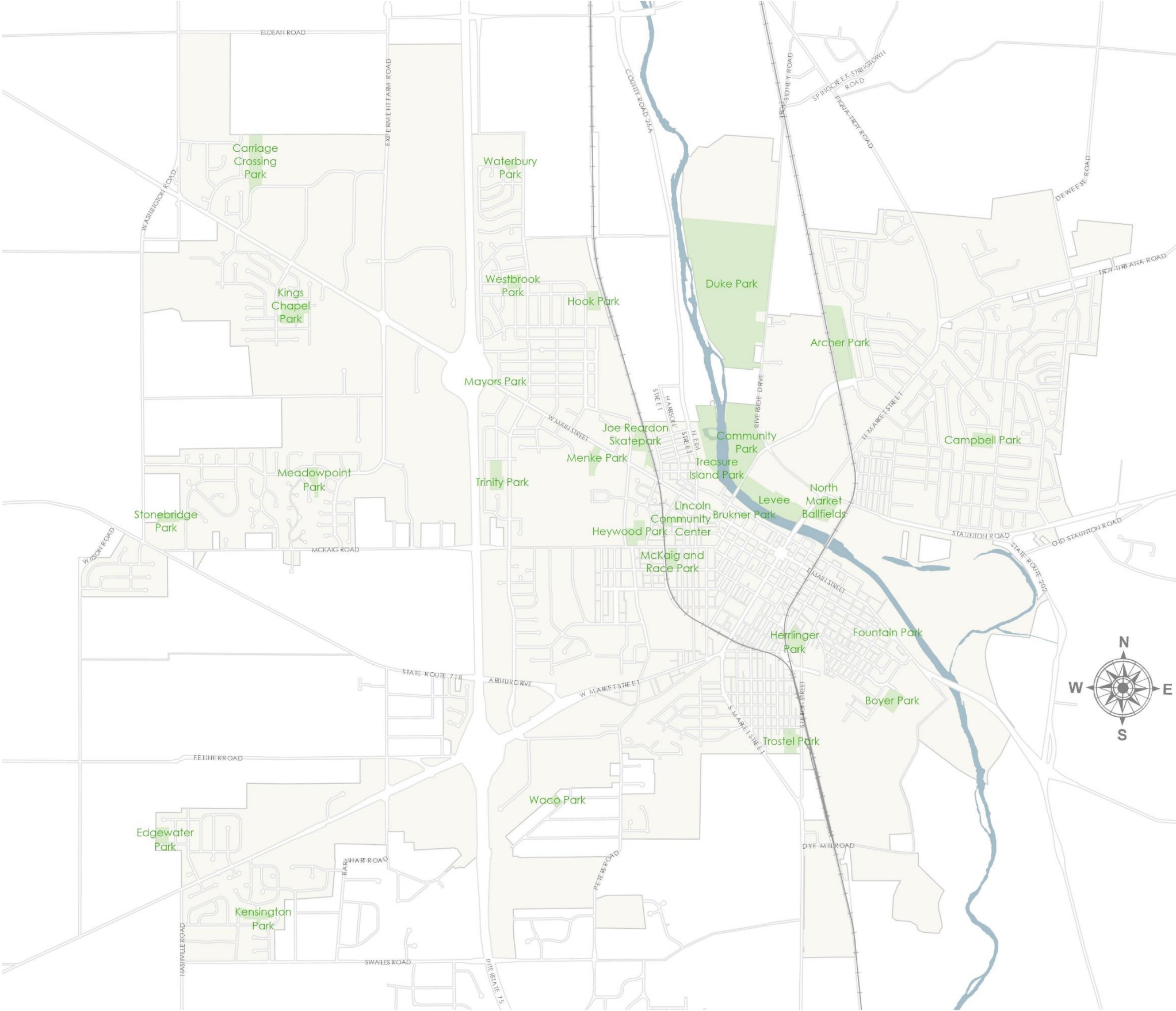


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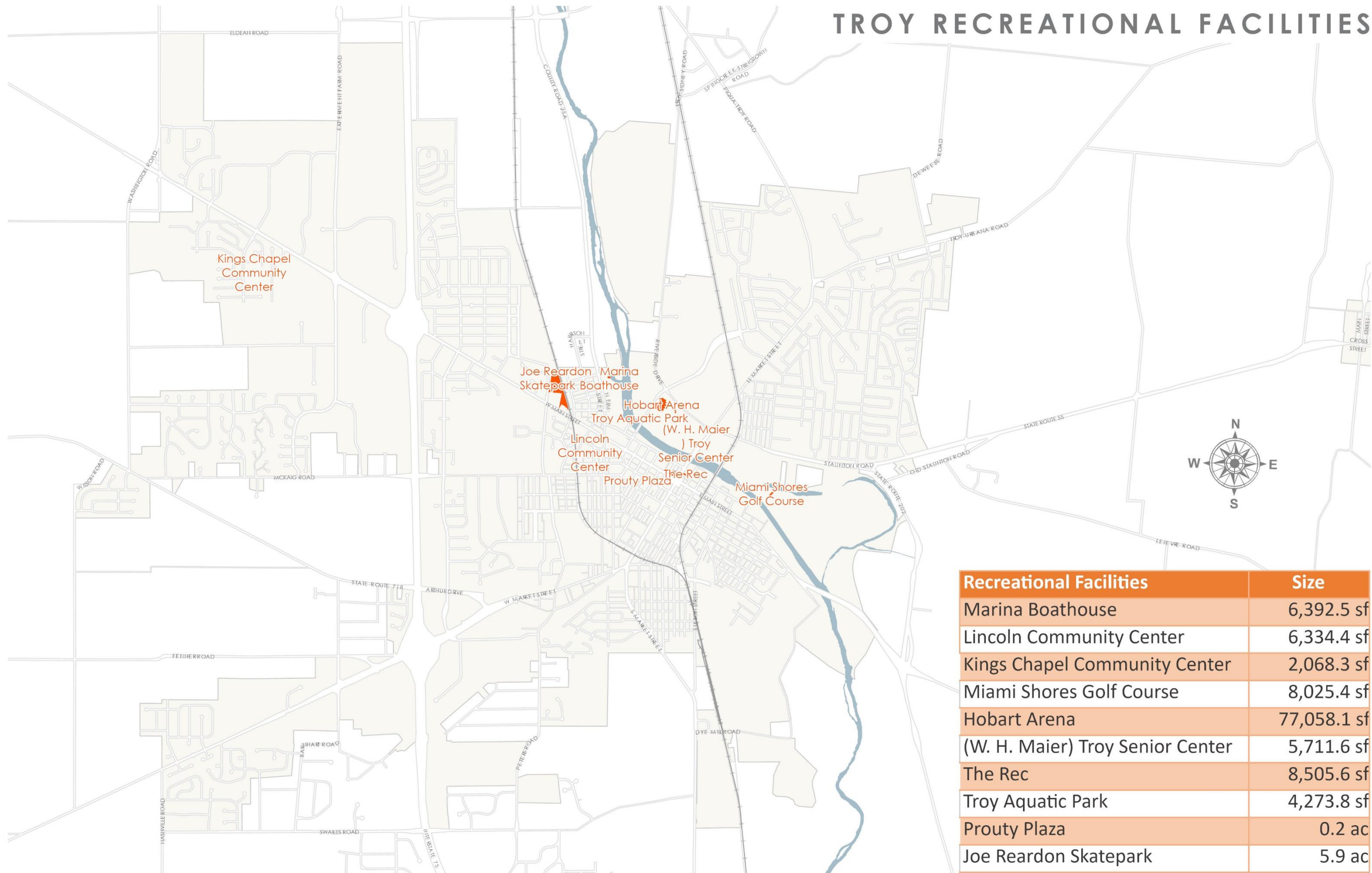


# TROY CITY PARKS

Park Name	Acres
Archer Park	20.6
Boyer Park	5.3
Brukner Park	0.5
Campbell Park	5.1
Carriage Crossing Park	10.8
Community Park	33.3
Duke Park	153.7
Edgewater Park	3.2
Fountain Park	0.1
Herrlinger Park	5
Heywood Park	6.1
Hook Park	4
Joe Reardon Skatepark	5.9
Kensington Park	4.3
Kings Chapel Park	7.9
Levee	18.1
Lincoln Community Center	1.9
Mayors Park	0.3
McKaig & Race Park	3
Meadowpoint Park	3.6
Menke Park	4
North Market Ballfields	7.3
Pollinator Habitat (at Treasure Island)	4.6
Stonebridge Park	3.2
Treasure Island Park	10.7
Trinity Park	6
Trostel Park	5.6
Waco Park	1.4
Waterbury Park	1.6
Westbrook Park	3.4



# TROY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



Recreational Facilities	Size
Marina Boathouse	6,392.5 sf
Lincoln Community Center	6,334.4 sf
Kings Chapel Community Center	2,068.3 sf
Miami Shores Golf Course	8,025.4 sf
Hobart Arena	77,058.1 sf
(W. H. Maier) Troy Senior Center	5,711.6 sf
The Rec	8,505.6 sf
Troy Aquatic Park	4,273.8 sf
Prouty Plaza	0.2 ac
Joe Reardon Skatepark	5.9 ac



### **Governing Boards:**

The City of Troy has two independent boards that respectively govern the Park and Recreation Departments. They are in charge of determining the use, maintenance, and creation of all public park and recreation activities. Many of the Recreation Department’s tasks are performed in cooperation with the Park Department.

The Board of Park Commissioners has three members appointed by the Mayor in accordance with the City of Troy Codified Ordinances which follows Ohio Revised Code. The responsibility of the Board is to oversee the maintenance and improvements of the real property and all buildings located in Troy’s park system including Hobart Arena, Troy Aquatic Park, Senior Citizens Center, and Miami Shores Golf Course.

The Park Department has full-time and seasonal employees who report directly to the Board of Park Commissioners. The department is in charge of:

- Mowing and trimming;
- Landscaping and mulching;
- Tree planting, pruning, and removal;
- Maintenance and watering of downtown flowers;
- Routine maintenance of picnic shelters, playgrounds, and buildings;
- Maintenance and preparation of soccer, football, baseball, and softball fields;
- Placement of the "Showmobile" and staging for various concerts and events throughout the year.

The Recreation Board has five members. Three members are appointed by the Mayor and two are appointed by the Troy City School District Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 755. The Board’s responsibility is to schedule, equip and operate playgrounds, play areas, swimming pools, and other recreation centers.

The Recreation Department collaborates and cooperates with other recreational and educational organizations to provide year-round fitness, fun, and educational recreational activities to the community.

Some of the programs handled by the Recreation Department are baseball, soccer, softball, ice skating, etc. Overall, the Department manages approximately 100 recreational activities each year including several programs provided at special purpose facilities such as Hobart Arena and Troy Playground Program which gives children, ages 6-13, the chance to engage in activities and socialize on different local playgrounds.<sup>11</sup>

### **Land Use for Parks and Recreation:**

The City of Troy is composed of over 7,710 acres of land. Its size gives the City an ability to provide extensive park land and recreational activities. Currently Troy has 26 parks, one natural park space, and two passive greenspaces. The area of parks and open space located inside the city limits is 924.48 acres, or approximately 12% of the City’s total land use. The 1990 Master Plan recommended approximately 12 acres of various park land for every 1000 persons. Based on the 2010 Census data and 2018 Census population estimates, Troy’s population increased by 1,074 people from 2010 to 2018. According to the 1990 Master Plan, the City should provide approximately 300.7 acres for its 2010 population of 25,058 and 313.58 acres for its 2018 population of 26,132.

However, Troy’s total park land, including public parks, public recreation, private parks, and private recreation, is 924.48 acres. Thus, residents of the city have access to nearly three times the acreage of recommended park land. Furthermore, if the City only provided public parks that can be utilized by the community for free are considered, Troy’s 26 parks covering 321 acres of land for public use and recreation is also higher than recommended by the 1990 Master Plan.

In addition, according to the 2019 NPRA Agency Performance Review, “the typical park and recreation agency offers one park for every 2,181 residents served, with 10.1 acres of park land per 1,000

residents.”<sup>12</sup> Based on the 2018 Census estimates, the population and the number of parks Troy has, the City offers two parks for every 2,181 residents served. As for 10.1 acres of park land per 1,000, the City should offer 263.93 acres of park land while Troy’s total land for park and recreation use is 924.48 acres.

### **The New NRPA Guidelines for Parks and Recreation:**

The national standard of 10 acres of park land for every 1,000 people was established in 1981. However, NRPA released new guidelines in 1996. The changes were facilitated by the shifting socioeconomic and demographic trends. The federal grant programs have been decreasing, burdening state and local governments to support parks and recreation. The new standard calls for “system approach” to parks and recreation facilities planning. The new guidelines state that every community has its own defining characteristics and a one size fits all approach is not appropriate. The communities must be evaluated individually and the decision about quantity and range of parks and recreation activities must be made accordingly.<sup>13</sup>

Based on the new recommendations, the park planning process should be guided by three social factors:

- The need to accommodate different cultures;
- The need to include citizen opinion in the process;
- The identification of the wellness movement.<sup>14</sup>

The suggestions made by NRPA combined with the size and number of the park land and recreation facilities Troy has makes it apparent that the City has not only considered the established guidelines by NRPA, but it has taken into account its community needs and attitudes. The City seeks and is open for resident insight, and it has made final decisions regarding parks and recreation based on expressed demand and suggested national standards. However, with the constant social and economic changes, community preferences are also changing rapidly. With the limited resources, the City government is challenged to keep up with the socioeconomic shifts and anticipate changing trends.

<sup>11</sup> Department of Development, *City of Troy Comprehensive Plan*, 2019, Ch.12, 12-1-12-5.

<sup>12</sup> National Recreation and Park Association, *2019 NPRA Agency Performance Review: Park and Recreation Agency Performance Benchmarks*, 2019, 6.

<sup>13</sup> Richard L. Williams and Peter T. Dyke. “The New NRPA Guidelines for Open Space,” *Illinois Periodicals Online*, April 19, 1997.

<sup>14</sup> “The New NRPA Guidelines for Open Space,” *Illinois Periodicals Online*, April 19, 1997.



City of Troy Parks:

Using the NRPA standards, each park is classified based on set criteria. (For more information about parks classification standards see Table 1 in Appendix).

Mini-Parks:

- Mayors Park
- Brukner Park
- Waco Park

Neighborhood Parks:

- Archer Park
- Boyer Park
- Meadowpoint Park
- Menke Park
- Herrlinger Park
- Hook Park
- Kings Chapel Park
- Westbrook Park
- Trinity Park
- Heywood Park
- Kensington Park
- Edgewater Park
- Carriage Crossing Park
- Campbell Park
- McKaig and Race Park
- Trostel Park
- Lincoln Community Center

School Parks:

- Hook Park
- Campbell Park
- Heywood Park

Community Parks:

- Treasure Island Park
- Community Park

Natural Resource Areas:

- Levee

Greenway Areas:

- Levee
- Meadowpoint Park
- Waterbury Park

- Stonebridge Park

Large Urban Park and Sports Complex:

- Duke Park

Neighborhood Park and Sports Complex:

- Archer Park

Sports Complex:

- North Market Ball Fields

Special Use:

- Joe Reardon Skatepark

It is worth noting that not every Troy park meets one classification exactly; some have multiple classifications. The parks are classified based on the closest classification standard and impact that they have on the community. For instance, Hook, Campbell, and Heywood Parks are located adjacent to the community schools, and the facilities are shared by schools and neighborhoods. Archer Park is classified as neighborhood park but has multiple court games and ball fields that make it appropriate to list the park as a sports complex.

In contrast to mini-parks, neighborhood parks offer more variety in recreational activities. When new residential neighborhoods are created, the Planning Commission and the Board of Park Commissioners review each proposal to determine if the neighborhood needs a park. If they do not deem it necessary, the applicant is granted to pay fees-in-lieu instead under the guidance of section 1117.04 “Mandatory Park Land and Fees-In-Lieu-Regulations: Park Development Requirements” in the Planning and Zoning Code.

Paul G. Duke Park is the only park that falls into the categories of large urban park and sports complex. It is Troy’s largest park covering 153.6 acres.

The land that has been designated as park land but is not developed has been given the classification of green ways with a service level of 1/8 of a mile. Once developed, they will be given a neighborhood park classification and will have a ¼ mile service area (the area within the chosen walkable buffer for each park).

Recreation Facilities:

The abundance of recreational facilities portrays the City of Troy’s dedication to evaluating demographic shifts and residential expansion to identify and respond to community needs. Compared to the national standards for recreational facilities, the City of Troy meets or exceeds those standards (for detailed information refer to the table below).

National Standard Compared to Troy’s Recreational Facilities			
Facility	Population Standard	City Should Have	City Already Has
Baseball Fields	1 per 5,000	4	19+
Basketball Courts	1 per 5,000	4	12+
Football Fields	1 per 20,000	1	2+
Golf-Driving Range	1 per 50,000	0	1
Golf Course	1 per 25,000	0	2
Ice Hockey Arena	1 per 100,000	0	1
Soccer Fields	1 per 10,000	2	15+
Swimming Pool	1 per 20,000	1	2
Tennis Courts	1 per 2,000	11	19+
Trails	1 per Region	1	1+

Additional recreational facilities the City provides include:

- Hobart Arena
- Joe Reardon Skatepark
- King’s Chapel Community Center
- Lincoln Community Center
- Marina Boathouse at Treasure Island Park
- Miami Shores Golf Course and Driving Range
- Prouty Plaza
- The Rec
- Troy Aquatic Park
- William H. Maier Senior Citizens Center



## Essential Nature of Parks and Recreation

Parks are complex elements of a city. They can have different uses, may be specialized in their function, or provide visual appeal for residents. However, they define the shape and feel of a city and its neighborhoods. They also function as a conscious tool for revitalization.

No community can establish itself as a desirable location for businesses and residents to relocate without building and maintaining a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment. It is vital for Troy to have well-developed parks that offer the services and facilities which would be beneficial for residents and respond to their needs.<sup>15</sup>

According to NRPA, three vitally important aspects of Parks and Recreation that benefit communities include:

- Economic Value
- Health and Environmental
- Social Importance

**Economic Value:**

Proximity to parks and recreational facilities is one of the influencing factors when home buyers are deciding where to purchase a property.<sup>16</sup>

Parks and recreation facilities contribute to economy as they attract tax-paying businesses, residents, tourists, and help to retain retirees. For instance,

- Studies showed that quality parks and recreation are one of the three top reasons business cite in a relocation decision. This factor becomes more influential when businesses want to attract knowledge workers who prefer places with a diverse range of outdoor recreational activities, from walking trails to rock climbing.<sup>17</sup>
- Visitors spend money in the community that helps to support the local economy by bringing indirect revenues. Out-of-town visitors may come for unique parks and recreation programs such as cultural events and festivals, as well as competitive athletic events like baseball, soccer tournaments, and regional

sports competitions.<sup>18</sup>A study done in 1994 indicated that among surveyed retiree’s top three preferences were scenic beauty, recreational opportunities, and mild climate. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, by 2050 1 in every 4 Americans will be 65 years of age or older, with an average life expectancy of between 75 and 83 years, creating a significant population group in size, affluence, and financial benefits to attract. In addition, they contribute to the tax base generally using fewer services than they pay for. For example, retirees pay taxes to school districts but do not send children there.<sup>19</sup>

- It is proven that people are willing to pay more to live closer to parks, greenways, rivers, and trails that raise private property values. As a result, proximity effect leads to increase in property tax revenue resulting in capitalization of parks into higher property tax revenue that generates more funds to help to cover parks establishment and maintenance cost partially or completely.
- In Dayton, Ohio, 5% of the selling price of homes near the Cox Arboretum MetroPark was attributable to the proximity of that open space.<sup>20</sup>

**Health and Environmental Benefits:**

- Parks can provide measurable health benefits, from providing direct contact with nature and a cleaner environment to opportunities for physical activity. As America continues to face serious health issues, including rising rates of chronic disease and an increased prevalence of sedentary lifestyles, having an opportunity to use parks and recreation programs to get healthy and stay fit becomes important. Children, youth, adults, and seniors can benefit from such services.
- A study conducted by Active Living Research found significant correlations between stress reduction, lowered blood pressure, and perceived physical health and the length of visits to parks.<sup>21</sup>

- Green infrastructure is proven to improve and sustains air and water quality, prevent flooding as well as protect and create habitat for wildlife.<sup>22</sup>

**Social Importance:**

- Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are. They reflect quality of life in a community and help to build a sense of a community.
- Parks represent a gathering place where individuals of all ages, abilities, and economic status can connect and interact in a shared environment.
- Human-Environment Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign found that residents living closer to green spaces engage in more social activities, have more visitors, know more neighbors, and have stronger feelings of belonging in the community.<sup>23</sup>
- Study by the Trust for Public Land shows that the majority of the public perceives parks as an essential priority for government spending. More than 75% favored to acquire parks and conserve open space.
- A 2007 Fairfax County, VA, survey results showed that 8 out of 10 households rated a quality park system with very important or extremely important to their quality of life.
- Reductions in crime and juvenile delinquency has been strongly correlated to access to parks and recreation.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>15</sup> National Recreation and Park Association, “Why Parks and Recreation are Essential Public Services,” 2010, 1-3.  
<sup>16</sup> National Association of Realtors Research Group, “2019 Home Buyers and Sellers Generational Trends Report,” April, 2019.

<sup>17</sup> American Planning Association, “How Cities Use Parks for Economic Development,” 2002, 3.  
<sup>18</sup> “Why Parks and Recreation are Essential Public Services,”2.  
<sup>19</sup> “How Cities Use Parks for Economic Development,”3.  
<sup>20</sup> American Trails, “Economic Benefits of Parks and Open Space,” January 1, 1999.  
<sup>21</sup> James F. Sallis, “Making the Case for Designing Active Cities,” Active Living Research, 2015, 11-14.

<sup>22</sup> United States Environmental Protection Agency, *Benefits of Green Infrastructure*.  
<sup>23</sup> “How Cities Use Parks for Community Engagement,” 2002, 2.  
<sup>24</sup> “Why Parks and Recreation are Essential Public Services,” 2010, 3.



## Outdoor Recreation Trends and Demands

For future development of parks, it is essential to consider both national and state outdoor recreation trends to understand emerging preferences. Studying the national and state trends will provide a better understanding of what communities expect when it comes to parks and recreation, and possible future trends. Most importantly, gaining information on general recreational interests will help better serve current residents and attract new residents.

**National Trends:**

In 2015 NRPA researched how demographic and social changes affected American’s view of local public parks. The researchers surveyed 1,144 randomly selected U.S. adults and found that Americans are as enthusiastic in their support for public parks as they were 25 years ago. This attitude is shared by the public across almost every demographic group through the United States. Americans attribute a greater value on their local parks today compared to the 1992 findings.<sup>25</sup> In more details, the study showed that:

- A majority of Americans live within walking distance of a park and a major factor for why Americans go to their local park on a regular basis is proximity;
- Two-thirds surveyed identified that within walking distance of their home is a park, playground or some other type of open space. It is worth noting that the survey did not specify “walking distance,” but allowed respondents to decide what is considered as a “walking distance”;
- 7 in 10 Americans go to their local park;
- 26% of respondents use public parks frequently for personal use, 44% occasionally, and 30% not at all. 76% surveyed indicated that household members use local parks either frequently or occasionally. 83% said that they get personal benefits from public parks;
- 97% park users and 80% of non-users identify that the community benefits from public parks.

From the responses listed in the open-ended question asking what specific benefits respondents gain from their local parks or recreation programs, both 1992 and 2015 studies found that Americans visit parks for:

- Personal benefits such as exercise, health, relaxation, entertainment, enjoying being outdoors;
- Environmental benefits: nature, aesthetics, fresh air, open space, wildlife;
- Social benefits: sense of community, spending time with family, a safe place to take children, a place to socialize;
- Economic benefits: effect on property values, increasing business activity in community;
- Facility and activity-oriented benefits: area for playing, recreation, sports, and an area to take pets.<sup>26</sup>

The most frequently mentioned benefits in the surveys conducted in 1992 and 2015 were physical activity and health. Thus, the results of both studies show that Americans perceive parks and recreation as an essential part of healthy living.

In addition, considering environmental changes, economic sustainability, and increased sedentary lifestyle that causes health problems and obesity, NRPA identifies priorities for local parks:

- Conservation;
- Health and Wellness;
- Social Equity.<sup>27</sup>

The study shows that Americans also support these three pillars:

- 86% favor conserving the natural environment, 80% protecting open space, 84% support parks offering facilities and services to improve physical health, and 80% recreation facilities and services to reduce stress and improve mental health;
- 88% support equal access to quality programs and facilities by all members of the community and 77% addressing the needs of individuals with disabilities.<sup>28</sup>

According to the Park Pulse Survey conducted by NRPA in 2019, 55% of Americans visit local parks or picnic areas to experience health benefits of nature, and 56% visit lakes, riverfront, or beach for the same purpose. The top three recreational activities are picnicking with family and friends (58%), going to the pool (48%), and walking or hiking along a local trail (45%).<sup>29</sup>

In 2017 the Outdoor Foundation published a report, *2017 Outdoor Recreation Participation*, of a nationwide survey in which 24,134 household representatives participated. Based on the responses, the East North Central Region, including Ohio, had the third highest outdoor participation rate. The biggest motivator for practicing in outdoor activities was getting exercise. Accordingly, the most popular outdoor activity among 52.3 million survey participants was running, jogging, and trail running, followed by road and mountain biking, fishing, camping, and hiking.<sup>30</sup>

Another study conducted by NRPA determined that a number of visits a person takes to local parks is affected by a concern for safety. Unlike the respondents who felt safe walking to local parks, those who felt unsafe visited their local parks 40% less. Moreover, lack of information regarding park location and offered activities was indicated as another reason for lower visitation and participation.<sup>31</sup>

**Ohio Statewide Report:**

In 2018 Ohio Department of Natural Resources published *Ohio Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* which encompasses a public opinion survey conducted in all 88 counties of Ohio. The survey provided an opportunity for Ohio residents to provide their opinions regarding local, community, state, and national parks, state nature preserves, wildlife and forested areas. An analysis of 5,059 completed surveys found that top four reasons why Ohioans visit parks and participate in recreational activities are for fun and entertainment, to spend time with family and friends, experience nature, quiet time and serenity, health, wellness and fitness. The most popular outdoor activities were walking, hiking, outdoor festivals,

<sup>25</sup> National Recreation and Park Association, “Americans’ Broad-Based Support for Local Recreation and Park Services,” 2016, 3.

<sup>26</sup> Ibid., 6.

<sup>27</sup> Ibid., 8.

<sup>28</sup> Ibid.

<sup>29</sup> National Recreation and Park Association, “Who Doesn’t Like a Good Picnic?” 2019.

<sup>30</sup> The Outdoor Foundation, “2017 Outdoor Recreation Participation,” 2017, 5-14.

<sup>31</sup> Ohio Department of Natural Resources, “Ohio Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan,” 2018, 35-36.

concerts and plays, scenic driving, wildlife viewing, night sky viewing, touring historic or heritage sites and farms, picnicking and bicycling, and outdoor festivals, concerts, or plays. Some other activities that became more popular since 2013 were visiting historic or heritage areas, dog park, splash pads, mountain biking, and backcountry camping.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> Ohio Department of Natural Resources, “Ohio Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan,” 2018, 37-41.



## The 1990 Master Plan for Parks and Recreation and Schools

The first *Master Plan for Parks and Recreation* for the City of Troy was adopted in 1980. In 1990, the firm of Edsall & Associates of Columbus, Ohio, was hired to review and update the plan. Since 1990, constant social and economic shifts necessitated the evaluation of emerging trends in the community and recommending new approaches to the development of parks and recreation. However, before discussing current attitudes and needs, it is essential to overview the proposed suggestions by the previous plan and discuss what recommendations have been implemented by the City since 1990.

The 1990 updated plan, *Master Plan for Parks and Recreation and Schools*, presents results of 1990 community input, proposes goals, summarizes the changes to the park system that occurred from 1980-1990, provides individual recommendations for each park, and makes general suggestions. The 1990 plan consists of seven key components: community attitude and needs, goals and objectives, resources, existing facilities, community standards, short and long-term facility plans, and implementation alternatives.

Based on interviews, community input sessions, and town meetings, the 1990 Master Plan identified common elements with 1980 Parks and Recreation Survey. The top three results were an indoor recreational facility, more parks and passive (natural) areas, and improved maintenance and development of existing park and recreation facilities.<sup>33</sup>

Other common survey findings were:

- Better facilities for walking and biking as an alternative mode of transportation to the automobile to go to recreation areas;
- Outdoor markets and mini-parks for relaxation in the downtown;
- Additional and improved recreational facilities along the Great Miami River, outdoor eating areas, viewing platforms, boating facilities and an amphitheater for outdoor performances;
- An indoor recreation complex with an indoor swimming pool, a multi-purpose gymnasium, areas for court games and exercise or aerobic activities, meeting rooms, space for a teen center and other related elements.<sup>34</sup>

<sup>33</sup> Edsall & Associates Landscape Architect Planning Consultants, *Master Plan for Parks and Recreation and Schools*, Troy, Ohio, 1990, 4.

1990 interviews, community input sessions, studies and reports results related to Park and Recreation facility needs were as follows:

- At all existing parks, institute programs for improved maintenance and upgrading of facilities such as field areas, playground areas and play equipment. Provide more landscape planting programs done in conjunction with a master plan for each facility;
- An indoor community recreation center is needed. It should include a swimming pool, gymnasium and related facilities that will best serve the broadest needs of people of all ages;
- Provide more activities and facilities for young adults to help encourage them to stay in Troy. This is particularly important for people in their late teens and early twenties;
- More indoor and outdoor winter recreational activities and facilities;
- More programs for girls and women and give a higher priority to maintenance of facilities for females;
- Incorporate unused gravel pits into the plan as attractive open space and for boating and fishing;
- Comprehensive system of trails or routs for walking, jogging and biking. Linkages across I-75 are particularly important. Alternatives that should be considered include former railroad corridors. S.R. 55 (West Market St.), McKaig Road and S.R. 41 (West Main St.);
- Provide free-play areas in parks to informally develop sports skills;
- More softball and baseball fields and provide lighted fields in selected locations;
- Developing more little league baseball fields within the City of Troy so that there will be more practice fields;
- More picnic shelters in various parks through the community. McClung Farm would be a particularly good location;
- Consider an area for and development of suitable safe facilities for skateboards.<sup>35</sup>

Concerns were also expressed related to the City of Troy's tendency to rest on past achievements and not take an action to keep pace with other communities. A suggestion was made to develop more activities

<sup>34</sup> Ibid.

<sup>35</sup> Ibid.

in neighborhood parks to serve a wider range of interests and age groups.

Considering parks' development progress, interviews, and community input, the updated 1990 Master Plan set forth six goals:

- To provide a system of neighborhood and community parks with facilities appropriate to its area of service and needs of the residents;
- To provide leadership in preserving and improving the physical environment by setting aside open space and developing a network of green areas in the joining effort to protect land and water resource;
- To ensure that maximum effective use is made of existing and new facilities and that they are developed and maintained to attract visitors;
- To provide recreational opportunities that contribute to physical well-being, social adjustment, and the emotional development of participants;
- Through continuous communication with the community, encourage active participation that will reflect the park and recreational needs and desires of the community;
- Encourage, through constant attention to sound management and fiscal practices, the efficient operation and development of the parks system.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>36</sup> Ibid., 5-6.





## 1990 Proposed Recommendations and 1990-Present Progress Assessment

#### Amelia Park:

- **Recommended:** Should be sold due to the limited size and public access. Use the proceeds to obtain a neighborhood park south of this location.  
**Implemented:** Sold as suggested.

#### Archer Park:

- **Recommended:** Improve the south parking area.  
**Implemented:** In 2019 improvements were made to the parking area including new asphalt and striped parking places.
- **Recommended:** Build a concession/shelter/restroom facility north of the parking area and south of the south soccer field. Provide tables, benches, waste receptacles, drinking fountains, picnic shelters, and playground to encourage more family participation.  
**Implemented:** A restroom facility was built in 2017. Playground equipment was installed in 2001.
- **Recommended:** Improve landscaping, plant trees to provide shade in the area of concession/shelter/restroom facility and in other locations to the north. Plant more trees in the east side to conceal the railroad and to create a buffer between the park and the residential area.  
**Implemented:** Trees are scheduled to be planted in the autumn of 2019.
- **Recommended:** Provide parking along the west side of the north-south drive toward the railroad for direct access to soccer fields and to increase available space for the softball fields to the north.
- **Recommended:** Softball fields at the north end require regrading to improve playing conditions.

#### Athletic Field – Market Street:

- **Recommended:** Relocate the little league football field from the outfield area of the baseball field to McClung Farm.  
**Implemented:** Little league football was relocated to Duke Park as suggested.
- **Recommended:** Apply double-line-stripes to the parking lot to promote better parking control.
- **Recommended:** Landscape area along Market Street and parking lot to improve appearance to reduce visual effect of the

parking area. Consider to incorporate an area on the parking lot that can be used for portable toilets.

**Implemented:** Trees were planted along Market Street.

#### Brukner Park:

- **Recommended:** Develop connecting path between the park and the library to encourage outdoor reading and special programs associated with the library. This would require the elimination of two parking spaces in the center aisle but would improve appearance of the parking lot.
- **Recommended:** Improve the quality of site furnishings.  
**Implemented:** New benches and trash receptacles were installed in the early 2000s.
- **Recommended:** Replace light fixtures poles with ones that will reflect the character of pedestrian scale light fixtures in the downtown.  
**Implemented:** Lighting fixtures are replaced with LED lights as needed.
- **Recommended:** Improve and expand landscaping. Add two- or three-foot high evergreen shrubs along the edge of the park to create appealing visual effect.  
**Implemented:** Floral displays are planted every spring.

#### Floral Avenue Park (Boyer Park):

- **Recommended:** Develop the park for neighborhood use.  
**Implemented:** Developed as neighborhood park.
- **Recommended:** Provide color-coated multi-purpose game court for basketball, badminton, and volleyball.  
**Implemented:** A basketball court was installed in 1999.
- **Recommended:** Relocate the existing baseball/softball practice field with the addition of a second field of the same type. Use the outfield areas for multi-purpose practice field to serve a wide variety of interests.  
**Implemented:** The baseball field was regraded in 1999 to improve safety and playability.
- **Recommended:** Install more creative children's play equipment.  
**Implemented:** New playground equipment was installed in 1999.

- **Recommended:** Offer passive recreation facilities, such as picnic and seating areas. Add site furnishings waste receptacles, bicycle racks and drinking fountains.  
**Implemented:** A picnic shelter, grill, and benches were installed.
- **Recommended:** Provide limited off-street parking.
- **Recommended:** Improve pedestrian accessibility.
- **Recommended:** Develop walkaway linkages between housing complexes and the park.
- **Recommended:** Enhance landscaping.

#### Herrlinger Park:

- **Recommended:** The oldest park area which is used extensively and needs to be updated. The park land needs to be restudied to improve relationships between existing elements.
- **Recommended:** Improve landscaping and facilities such as court games, playground areas, shelters, picnic facilities, and parking space.  
**Implemented:** Basketball court is maintained as needed. Trees are replaced as needed.
- **Recommended:** Offer recreation opportunities for all age groups and incorporate passive areas into revised plans.

#### Heywood Park:

- **Recommended:** Renovate athletic fields including turf and fencing by the baseball diamond.  
**Implemented:** New backstop fencing was installed on both fields in 2017.
- **Recommended:** Improve landscaping and site furnishing.  
**Implemented:** Landscaping improvements, including planting new trees, around the perimeter was done.

#### Hook Park:

- **Recommended:** Refine landscaping around the park perimeter to improve appearance and create a buffer between land use.  
**Implemented:** An overgrown hedgerow was removed in 2013.  
**Implemented:** The bike trail was installed along the east perimeter in the early 2000s.

**Kings Chapel Park:**

- **Recommended:** Expand the park area to the east approximately four acres.
- **Recommended:** Establish multi-purpose court games.
- **Recommended:** Upgrade the children’s playground equipment and safety surfaces.  
**Implemented:** New playground equipment was added to the eastern part of the park in 2004-2005.
- **Recommended:** At the acquired land add two practice baseball/softball fields, one soccer/football field or two smaller practice soccer fields.
- **Recommended:** The lake may be stocked for fishing.
- **Recommended:** Add picnic facilities, benches, tables, and drinking fountains.  
**Implemented:** A multi-purpose recreational building was built in the middle of 1990s.
- **Recommended:** Develop loop walkway system, more defined entry from the west with an integrated seating node.

**Lincoln Community Center:**

- **Recommended:** Multi-purpose court for basketball, badminton, and volleyball.  
**Implemented:** Provides basketball court.
- **Recommended:** Multi-purpose practice fields for baseball, softball, football, soccer, and free play;
- **Recommended:** A creative play area with safety surfaces and a paved area around the site for wheeled toys.  
**Implemented:** Provides jungle gym, swings, and wood chip surface.
- **Recommended:** Limited off-street parking along the north property line.  
**Implemented:** Offers limited off-street parking along the north property line.
- **Recommended:** Improved pedestrian accessibility.
- **Recommended:** Provide handicapped accessibility.
- **Recommended:** Offer site furnishings such as tables, benches, outdoor barbeque grills, waste receptacles, bicycle racks, and drinking fountains.

- Implemented:** Three benches were put in place as a memorial.
- **Recommended:** Enhance landscape planting.
  - **Recommended:** Ornamental metal picket fencing across the front of the site, including a gate at the parking area drive.  
**Implemented:** Ornamental metal picket fencing has been installed across the front of the site
  - **Recommended:** New flagpole with integrated up and down lighting.
  - **Recommended:** Improve site lighting in front of the building and around the playground area.

**McClung Farm (Duke Park):**

- **Recommended:** Received feedback form the community in 1980 and 1990 showed that development of McClung Farm was a very high priority.  
**Implemented:** Development of McClung Farm started from 1992 with the generous donation made by Thomas E. and Patricia A. Robinsons. McClung Farm was renamed as Paul G. Duke Park.
- **Recommended:** Four (4) lighted baseball/softball fields with a concession/restroom/storage building.  
**Implemented:** The park offers five (5) baseball fields. Four adjacent fields have press box/concession building.
- **Recommended:** Six (6) multi-purpose practice fields, including football and soccer.  
**Implemented:** Nine (9) soccer and one (1) football fields are provided.
- **Recommended:** Three (3) color-coated basketball courts which may be used for other games too.  
**Implemented:** The park has one (1) basketball court without color-coated surface.
- **Recommended:** Four (4) color-coated tennis courts which will include additional space to add more tennis courts in the future.  
**Implemented:** Four (4) color-coated tennis courts were put in place which later were converted to pickleball courts.
- **Recommended:** Skateboarding area.  
**Implemented:** Instead of adding skateboarding area in Duke Park as was suggested by 1990 Master Plan, the City designated the accepted land as a gift from Hobart Corp. in

- 2001 to establish a skatepark. The park was developed in 2008 and named as Joe Reardon Skatepark.
- **Recommended:** Children’s playground equipment with safety surfaces designed for pre-school and school-age use. Second play area could be provided in the vicinity of the day camping area.  
**Implemented:** Children’s playground equipment was installed in close proximity to tennis/pickleball courts. The play area provides three (3) swings, two (2) jungle gyms, one (1) sand box, one (1) climbing wall, and two (2) play equipment. The second play area is not provided.
  - **Recommended:** A winter sports hill for skiing, sledding, and other similar activities.
  - **Recommended:** Provide opportunities for wildlife observation and fishing.
  - **Recommended:** A boat launch or canoe livery.
  - **Recommended:** Picnic and day camping areas.  
**Implemented:** Shelter houses and grills for picnic are provided throughout the park.
  - **Recommended:** Walking path and bike trail systems.  
**Implemented:** The park offers a walking path and mountain bike trail.
  - **Recommended:** Seven (7) small ponds, with several having fountains, for visual enjoyment, model boating, and fishing.  
**Implemented:** only one (1) pond with fountain is on the site.
  - **Recommended:** At least seven (7) shelter buildings with two (2) housing concession/restroom/storage mentioned above. The concession building may serve as an equipment rental facility for different programs.  
**Implemented:** The park has 12 shelter houses, three (3) restrooms, and one (1) concession.
  - **Recommended:** Use existing house and barn structures for meeting rooms, dances, social events, arts and crafts, and other related activities.
  - **Recommended:** Consider extension of Lytle Road across the Great Miami River and building a bridge to provide better access.
  - **Recommended:** Provide main park boulevard entrance off of Troy Sidney Road near the southeast corner of the park.

- **Recommended:** Develop parking areas closer to activity destinations.  
**Implemented:** Parking lots are provided around athletic fields.
- **Recommended:** Provide pathways for pedestrians linking facilities in the park to the surrounding community.
- **Recommended:** Connecting park to the community bike trail and the Main Corridor Hiking Trail system running north and south through McClung Farm along the Great Miami River.
- **Recommended:** A temporary pedestrian bridge that can be removed during flood hazard to connect the site to Treasure Island.
- **Recommended:** Relocate park maintenance facilities from north of Hobart Arena to McClung farm.
- **Recommended:** Provide lightning system, site furnishing, and landscape planting.  
**Implemented:** Lightning system, bike rack, drinking fountains, benches, and waste receptacles are provided. Landscape planting is performed as needed.

The following changes not previously mentioned took place regarding Duke Park:

- Dog park was created;
- In 1999, a purchase agreement was authorized between the City of Troy and C. McDade to acquire 12 acres contiguous to Duke Park for park purposes;
- In July 2015, the City of Troy purchased the Huelskamp Farm, a property consisting of 117.2782 acres, adjacent to the Paul G. Duke Park. The purpose was to expand park or recreation functions;
- In 2019, City Council approved the sale of house and outbuildings located on 1.447 acres of the former Huelskamp Farm. It was established that repurposing the buildings for Park the Department operation is not practical. The money received from the sale will be deposited into the Park and Recreation Capital Improvement fund.
- In July of 2019, based on the feedback received in 2108 Survey and a group of interest stakeholders Mayor Beamish, Mayor-elect Robin Oda, and City Auditor John Frigge supported initiative to add more baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, 18-hole miniature golf course, a splash pad, and an entrance and a parking lot at the southeast corner. The proposal was supported by the Board of Park Commissioners, Recreation

Board, was approved by City Council, and Troy community will be given an opportunity to vote on the levy on the November 2019 ballot.

#### Menke Park:

- **Recommended:** Build a shelter building and improve restroom and storage facilities.  
**Implemented:** Improvements to the restroom building were completed in 1999.
- **Recommended:** Add more tables, benches, waste receptacles, and bicycle racks.  
**Implemented:** A picnic shelter was built in the early 2000s.
- **Recommended:** Upgrade and expand children's playground facilities and create a better multi-purpose court games area for basketball, badminton, and volleyball.  
**Implemented:** New playground equipment was installed in 2003.
- **Recommended:** Enhance landscape development to buffer the park land from residential areas.

#### Miami Shores Ballfield:

- **Recommended:** Improve parking facilities;
- **Recommended:** Existing lighting needs to be replaced;
- **Recommended:** Provide more and upgrade site furnishings such as benches and waste receptacles.
- **Implemented:** Removed in the late 1990s to make room for a water well. A new field was built at Duke Park in 1999 to replace the Miami Shores field.

#### Treasure Island Park:

- **Recommended:** Obtain and develop the filled area to the north for athletic fields, free play, and picnicking.  
**Implemented:** In 2011, the City accepted five acres located north of Treasure Island, east of Elm Street and adjacent to the Great Miami River from Illinois Tool Works to expand Treasure Island Park. In 2013, additional 0.283 acres were donated by Miami Acres, LLC. to Treasure Island extension. The area to the north has been developed into a Pollinator Habitat which includes a half-mile walking trail, three park benches, and signage.

- **Recommended:** Refine existing and add more picnic facilities south of the marina building and add shelters in the vicinity of the trees by the levee. Provide restroom building and a children's playground in close proximity to the picnic area.  
**Implemented:** Redeveloped in 2016. A restroom facility was built in 2014;
- **Recommended:** Upgrade docking and rental facilities for canoe and boats to increase activity on the Great Miami River. Also, include rental facilities for bicycles to promote use of existing and proposed components of the bike trail system. Build a pedestrian/bikeway bridge between Treasure Island and Community Park with the linkage to the downtown.  
**Implemented:** Three new docks have been installed including handicap accessible launch. Rental facility for kayaks and canoes is available through Adventures on the Great Miami.
- **Recommended:** Establish a rooftop observation area and judges stand in relation to the marina building for boat and canoe races. Also, consider adding outdoor café and promote improved utilization of marina /restaurant building.
- **Recommended:** Conduct feasibility study of establishing a boat tour which with shallow draft may provide tours.
- **Recommended:** Enhance the site's and surrounding area's landscape to create attractive visual image of the park.
- **Recommended:** Control erosion.  
**Implemented:** Erosion has been controlled, and currently, there are no issues related to erosion at Treasure Island Park.

#### Trostel Park:

- **Recommended:** Resolve the issue related to potential hazardous materials on site to determine if continued use as a park is feasible, if not, obtain park land in the areas to serve the area. If further development is possible, establish the site as a neighborhood park.  
**Implemented:** Feasibility of continued use of a site was determined and was established as a neighborhood park.
- **Recommended:** Grade land to better facilitate practice athletic fields and free play areas.  
**Implemented:** Land was regraded in the early 2000s.
- **Recommended:** Upgrade and expand children's playground as well as the shelter/restroom/storage building.



- **Implemented:** Playground equipment was installed in 2001;
- **Recommended:** Provide a color-coated multipurpose court and children’s games.
- **Implemented:** Baseball field was added.
- **Recommended:** Improve site furnishing and landscaping to provide shaded areas.
- **Implemented:** In 1999, the shelter/restroom building was demolished. Landscape improvements were made including new signage, tree planting, and flower beds.

**Troy Community Park:**

- **Recommended:** Design walks for pedestrian use.
- **Recommended:** Improve and update playground facilities and consider potential consolidation of equipment into selected areas.
- **Implemented:** The playground equipment was updated in 2000. To combine play areas, asphalt driveway separating the two main playgrounds was removed in 2002.
- **Recommended:** Develop landscape plan to determine the need for future planting or plant replacement.
- **Implemented:** A variety of flowering ornamental trees have been planted as suggested.

**Waco Park:**

- **Recommended:** Enhance landscaping to screen railroad and reduce disturbances to adjacent residences caused by the activity in the park.
- **Implemented:** Ash trees killed by emerald ash borer were removed.
- **Recommended:** Refine on site furnishing and playground
- **Implemented:** Damaged and dangerous play equipment were removed including a merry-go-round and spring riders.
- **Recommended:** Provide limited court game facilities.

**Westbrook Park:**

- **Recommended:** Create a walkway system for exercise and to connect different facilities.

- **Recommended:** Provide area for passive recreation offering seating areas and picnic facilities.
- **Recommended:** Add more tables, benches, waste receptacles, and bicycle racks.
- **Recommended:** Improve playground and basketball areas by providing more play equipment and color-coated basketball court.
- **Implemented:** A new playground structure was installed in 2007.

**1990 General Recommendations Regarding Parks and Recreation:**

- **Recommended:** All parks and recreation facilities should easily accessible by handicapped persons.
- **Implemented:** Currently, the City of Troy is conducting a study to develop a citywide plan under the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure proper handicapped accessibility.
- **Recommended:** Create an extensive bikeway system. The demand was determined based on community input that Troy residents needed various bikeway routs throughout the city that would link homes, parks, schools, work places, and shopping areas.
- **Implemented:** In the early 2000s, the City of Troy started developing a bikeway system. The Miami County Recreational Trail Task Force was also created at that time to promote trail connections between cities. The part of the connecting trail extends from WACO Airfield and Museum, located south at County Road 25A to Lytle Road. Moreover, the City took into consideration 1990 Master Plan’s recommendation to use abandoned railroad rights of way and levees to establish bicycle trails. In 2017 Complete Streets Policy was adopted to enhance transportation options for the community and develop interconnecting bikeway system (Appendix, Exhibit 1).
- **Recommended:** On existing sites, develop well-designed and landscaped areas for off-street parking to eliminate on-street parking.
- **Recommended:** Provide contemporary playground equipment that are challenging and attractive. Use innovative materials for

- easier maintenance. Provide safety surfaces under equipment, paved surfaces around playgrounds for wheeled toys, and color-coated surface for games such as hopscotch, four square, mini-tracks, and other similar activities.
- **Recommended:** Use fencing, mounding or landscape planting to eliminate interference on residential properties and disturbance of their privacy. This might encourage more utilization of parks. The examples of the parks that could use landscape transition zones are Floral Avenue Park, Trinity Park, Kings Chapel Park, and Westbrook Park;
- **Recommended:** Prepare detailed master plans for each park.<sup>37</sup>

**1990- Present Acquired Lands for Parks:**

The 1990 Master Plan suggested that as residential areas are developed, lands for neighborhood parks and playgrounds or community parks and playfields must be acquired either through dedication or acquisition. The primary criteria for acceptance of land should be its viability to be used for park purposes.<sup>38</sup> In recent years it has become more common for the City to accept fees-in-lieu as an alternative to the parkland. Obtained funds are contributed to the Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund. The City staff carefully examines land used for development to determine if an area is viable to be used as a parkland and if there is a necessity for an additional park. Currently, the City has sufficient park land for the citizens, and priority is given to collect funds to improve the existing parks’ facilities and recreational activities.

Following park lands were acquired by the City since 1990:

- During the development of Carriage Crossing subdivision, in 1997 the City accepted park land (Carriage Crossing Park) to be used as neighborhood park.
- In 1998, the City authorized purchase of real estate between McKaig Avenue and Race Drive, bordered by Piqua-Troy branch of B. & O. RR and alley at the rear of Garfield Avenue. The purchased real estate was developed into McKaig and Race Park.

<sup>37</sup> Edsall & Associates Landscape Architect Planning Consultants, *Master Plan for Parks and Recreation and Schools, Troy, Ohio*, 1990, 22-46.  
<sup>38</sup> *Master Plan for Parks and Recreation and Schools*, 20.

- Kensington Subdivision development began in 1997 and in 2000, the City accepted park land to later become Kensington Park.
- In 2003 additional park land was accepted in Edgewater Subdivision for public purpose. Currently the land is used as natural park space.
- The City also acquired park lands at Stonebridge Drive, Meadowpoint Drive, and Waterbury Place.



## 2018 Parks Conditions Assessment and Inventory

In 2018, a condition assessment and inventory count were conducted for each Troy park to promote the development of a new master plan for parks. For the evaluation was used 5-scale rating system (1 being excellent, 2 – good, 3 – fair, 4 – poor, and 5 - needs replaced). City staff created the rating system and categories to be assessed informed by NRPA’s criteria. The categories include park buildings, water features, athletic fields, roads/parking, lots/trails, and park equipment. The assessment was conducted during two weeks using the Environmental Systems Research Institute’s (ESRI) Collector application (for more information, see Table 2 in Appendix). Each category was assigned a weight to calculate the weighted average and overall average condition for each park. The assessment includes information about park acreage, location, classification, the service area distance assigned according to park classification and walkability, the walkable population within the service area, and list of park features.



Archer Park:



- Acreage: 20.6
- Walkable population: 374
- Service Area Distance: 0.50 miles
- Location: 554 Shaftsbury Road
- Classification: Neighborhood Park and Sports Complex
- Overall Average Condition: **2.3**

The conditions assessment results:

- The parking, jungle gym, mulch surface, shelter house, and soccer fields were rated as good;
- The restroom was in an excellent condition;
- The equipment of the baseball fields was rated as good, however the surface and fences received either fair or poor assessment (baseball field I was regraded, new outfield fence, player benches, and concrete were installed in 2018);
- The basketball court’s equipment and surface were in fair condition and court’s outline needed to be replaced;
- The swing set was also rated as fair (new swing chains and swing seats were installed in 2019);
- No handicapped accessibility (except restroom);
- Has designated area for parking.

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	2
Baseball	2
Basketball	1
Basketball Pole	1
Bleacher	2
Equipment Shed	2
Jungle Gym	1
Restroom	3
Scoreboard	12
Shelter House	1
Single Bench	4
Soccer	5
Swing	1



Boyer Park:



- Acreage: 5.3
- Walkable Population: 822
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 1200 Floral Avenue
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **3.1**

The condition assessment results:

- Baseball fields need resurfacing;
- Fences around the fields should be replaced/updated;
- Bases and pitchers’ mounds need maintenance;
- If maintained regularly, could be used as practice field;
- Jungle gym and one of the spring horses were in a good condition, however the second spring horse was rated as poor (the second spring horse was repaired in 2018);
- The surface and equipment rating for the basketball court was fair. The court outline needed to be replaced;
- The condition of the swing, slide, and barbeque grill were also rated as fair;
- The assessment determined that the picnic table, foundation, and paint of the shelter house needed high maintenance (the picnic table was repaired in 2018);
- The park is not easily accessible;
- No designated area for parking. On-street parking is available;
- No handicapped accessibility.

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	1
Baseball	1
Basketball	1
Basketball Pole	2
Barbeque Grill	1
Jungle Gym	1
Sign	1
Slide	1
Swing	1
Spring Horse	2
Shelter House	1
Single Bench	3



**Brukner Park:**

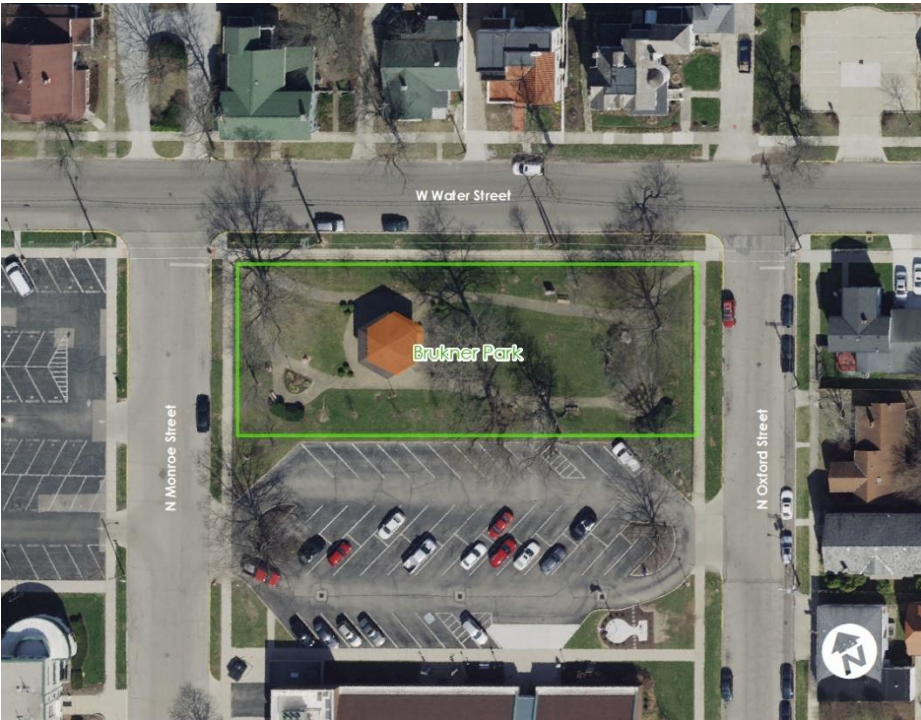


- Acreage: 0.5
- Walkable Population: 1897
- Service Area Distance: 0.13 miles
- Location: 400 West Water Street
- Classification: Mini-Park
- Overall Average Condition: **1.9**

Inventory	Quantity
Birdhouse	1
Drinking Fountain	1
Gazebo	1
Memorial	1
Single Bench	9

The condition assessment results:

- The structure, foundation, and paint rating of gazebo was good. The condition of the roof was fair and needed maintenance (gazebo was repainted, new roof was installed, and brick was repaired in 2018);
- The drinking fountain was also in good condition;
- Graffiti on benches (benches were replaced in 2018);
- Parking is provided for visitors;
- Located next to the Troy-Miami County Public Library;
- Close proximity to Downtown Troy;
- Potential to attract many visitors who will have an opportunity to read or play board games.





Campbell Park:



- Acreage: 5.1
- Walkable Population: 1,980
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 785 Maplecrest Drive
- Classification: School Park and Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **4.3**

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	2
Baseball	2
Bleacher	2
Sign	1
Single Bench	4

The condition assessment results:

- The softball fields need to be resurfaced;
- Bases and pitchers’ mounds require update;
- Enclosed dugouts should be provided to ensure players’ safety.





Carriage Crossing Park:



- Acreage: 10.8
- Walkable Population: 163
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 mile
- Location: 212 Carriage Crossing Way
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **2.8**

The condition assessment results:

- Surface rating for basketball court was fair. Poles were in good condition (sealcoating and striping of the court are scheduled for 2021);
- Shelter house, including its paint, roof, structure and foundation, drinking fountain, and grill were in good condition;
- Mulch, toddler swing, and jungle gym at the play area were in good condition. Swing was rated as fair due to the rusting on chains and structure (the swing chains were replaced in 2019).

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	1
Basketball	1
Basketball Pole	2
Barbeque Grill	1
Drinking Fountain	1
Jungle Gym	1
Shelter House	1
Single Bench	2
Sign	1
Swing	2





Community Park:



- Acreage: 33.3
- Walkable Population: 2,047
- Service Area Distance: 1.00 mile
- Location: 200 Adams Street
- Classification: Community Park and Sports Complex
- Overall Average Condition: **2.5**

The condition assessment results:

- Parking lots were in a good condition;
- The surfacing of frisbee golf were in good shape. However, some of the equipment needed maintenance (tee and basket signs were replaced in 2018);
- The shelter houses around parking lots require repairs (five shelter roofs were replaced in 2019 and replacement of additional roofs are scheduled for 2020);
- The barbeque grills around play are and parking lot were rated as fair. They need upgrade or repairs (four grills will be replaced in 2020);
- Play equipment is outdated and need to be replaced/updated. Also, the play area needs resurfacing (new mulch was installed in 2019);
- Small shelter houses.

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	1
Barbeque Grill	17
Baseball	1
Basketball	2
Basketball Pole	4
Bike Rack	1
Bleacher	1
Concessions/Pop Machines	1
Covered Rest Area	1
Drinking Fountain	6
Frisbee Golf	9
Frisbee Golf Hole	9
Frisbee Golf Tee	8
Jungle Gym	4
Miscellaneous	3
Monkey Bar	1
Nets	10
Play Equipment	2
Restroom	3
Shelter House	17
Sign	2
Single Bench	11
Slide	3
Swing	3
Tennis	9
Volleyball	1



Duke Park:



- Acreage: 153.7
- Walkable Population: 580
- Service Area Distance: 1.00 mile
- Location: 1670 Troy-Sidney Road
- Classification: Large Urban Park and Sports Complex
- Overall Average Condition: **1.9**

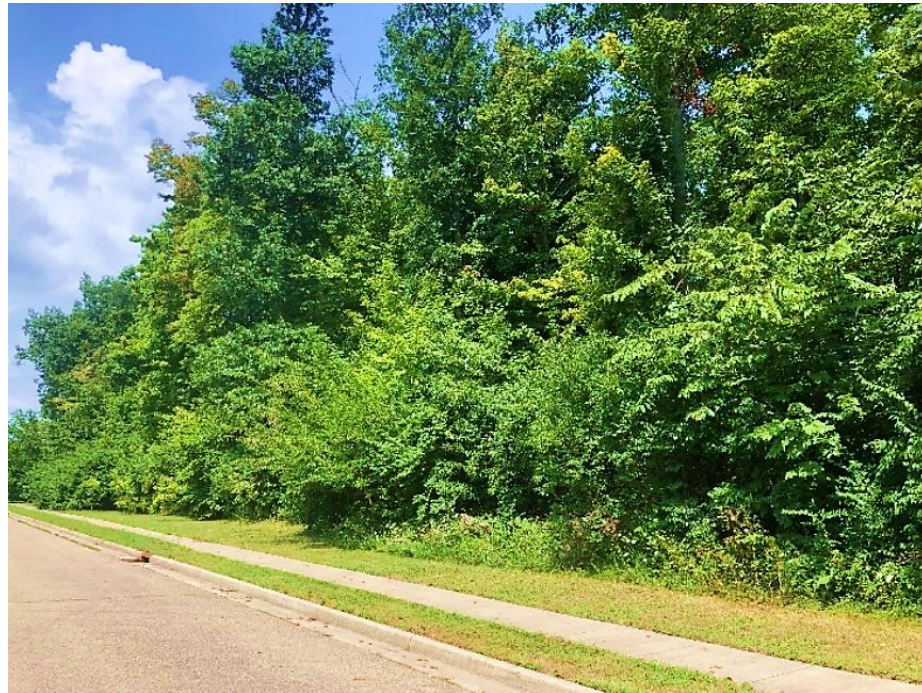
The condition assessment results:

- Baseball and softball fields’ surface and equipment were in good condition. However, fencing needs to be fixed. Some areas of fencing are covered with rust or falling off (the fences will be repainted in 2020 or 2021);
- Netting should be provided for softball fields to ensure spectators’ safety;
- Platforms are in a rough shape;
- Dugouts should be redesigned. During heavy rain they are flooded;
- Baseball fields flood during heavy rain. Rainwater is not drained well, there is a need for more drains;
- Irrigation system often fails, lines break or leak;
- Fencing of the dog park requires upgrade/replacement;
- Tennis court fences also require update;
- Fitness equipment should be upgraded;
- Need for parking at the south end of the park and parking spaces closer to play equipment.

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	6
Barbeque Grill	11
Baseball	5
Basketball	1
Basketball Pole	2
Bike Rack	1
Bleacher	23
Chain Link Fence	14
Climbing Wall	1
Concession	1
Covered Rest Area	2
Decorative	4
Dog Park	1
Drinking Fountain	5
Dugout	4
Equipment Shed	3
Fitness Course	18
Football	1
Fountain	1
Gazebo	2
Home Run Fence	5
Jungle Gym	2
Kicking Wall	1
Miscellaneous	3
Nets	5
Pickleball	12
Play Equipment	2
Press box/Concession	2
Restroom	3
Sand Box	1
Scoreboard	27
Sculpture	1
Shelter House	12
Single Bench	25
Soccer	9
Swing	3
Water Feature	1



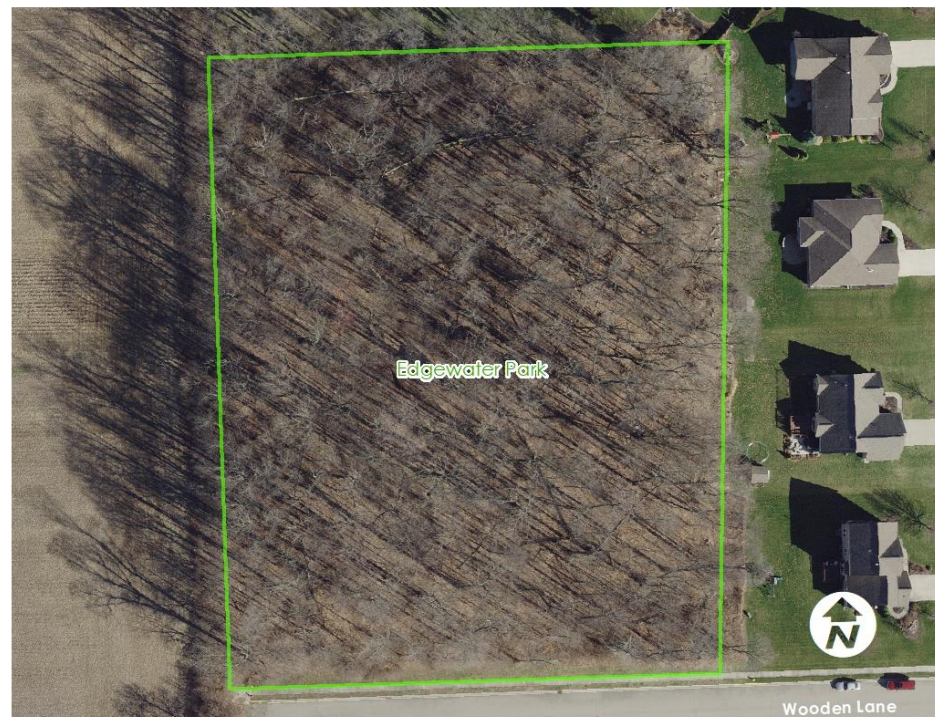
### Edgewater Park:



- Acreage: 3.2
- Walkable Population: 100
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 2881 Wooden Lane
- Classification: Natural Resource Area and Greenway
- Overall Average Condition: No existing inventory to be evaluated

#### The Conditions Assessment Results:

- Wooded lot;
- Well-maintained natural park space;
- Could be developed into a park space or sold.





Fountain Park:

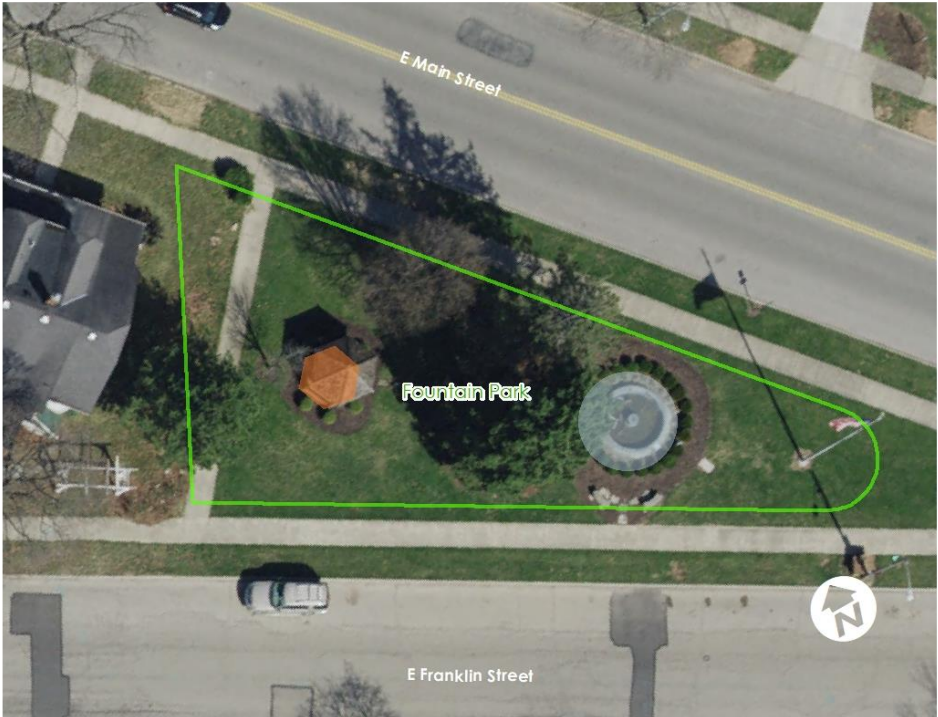


- Acreage: 0.1
- Walkable Population: 943
- Service Area Distance: 0.13
- Location: Intersection of East Franklin and East Main Street
- Classification: Mini-Park
- Overall Average Condition: **2.0**

Inventory	Quantity
Flag Pole	1
Fountain	1
Gazebo	1
Single Bench	2

The conditions Assessment Results:

- Well-maintained passive greenspace.





Herrlinger Park:

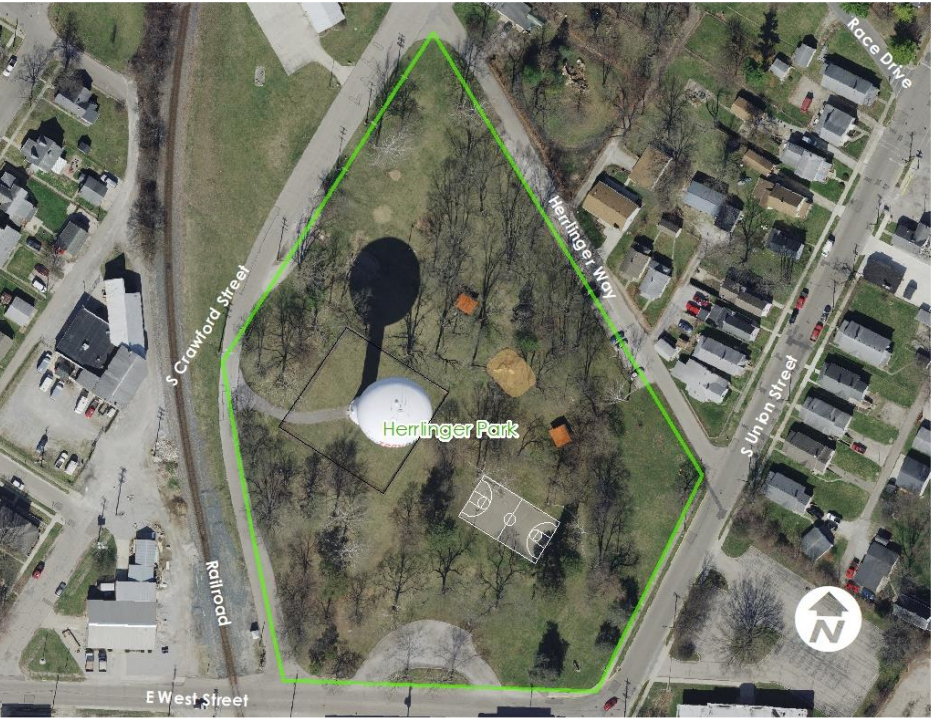


- Acreage: 5.0
- Walkable Population: 2,089
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 302 Union Street
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall average condition: **3.1**
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The condition assessment results:

- The basketball court needs resurfacing;
- The playground equipment requires updating;
- Provides well-shaded areas;
- No handicapped accessibility;
- Small parking space. The parking area needs resurfacing.

Inventory	Quantity
Basketball	1
Basketball Pole	2
Chain Link Fence	1
Jungle Gym	1
Shelter House	2
Sign	2
Swing	1





Heywood Park:



- Acreage: 6.1
- Walkable Population: 1,993
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: McKaig Avenue and South Ridge Avenue
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **2.9**

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	2
Baseball	2
Bleacher	2
Single Bench	2

The condition assessment results:

- The baseball fields need resurfacing;
- Improvements needed for fencing, bases, and pitchers’ mounds (new backstops were installed in 2017);
- Enclosed dugouts should be provided.





Hook Park:



- Acreage: 4.0
- Walkable Population: 1,608
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 799 Trade Square West
- Classification: School Park and Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **2.9**

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	2
Baseball	2
Bleacher	2
Single Bench	4

The condition assessment results:

- The baseball fields require resurfacing;
- Fencing, bases, and pitchers’ mounds need update;
- Dugouts should be provided with protective barriers;
- No parking space and handicapped accessibility.





Joe Reardon Skatepark:



- Acreage: 5.9
- Walkable population: 1,562
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 99 North Ridge Avenue #43
- Classification: Special Use
- Overall Average Condition: **3.3**

The condition assessment results:

- Skateboarding equipment needs maintenance (in 2019 the ramps were repaired, additional ramps were added, and layout was changed);
- Parking lot could use improvements;
- Drinking fountain next to the parking lot should be replaced due to the visible rusting (the drinking fountain will be repainted in 2020).

Inventory	Quantity
Drinking Fountain	1
Grind Rail	2
Half Pipe	2
Mini Ramp	2
Multi Ramp	2
Other	1
Picnic Table	1
Swing	1





Kensington Park:

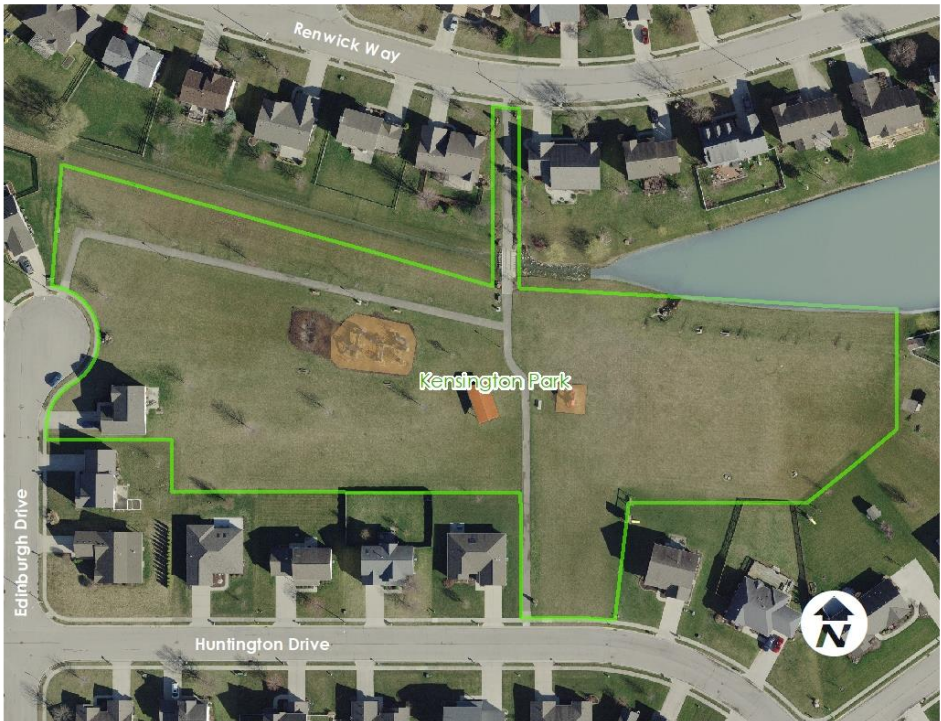


- Acreage: 4.3
- Walkable Population: 568
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 2600 Renwick Way
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **2.2**

Inventory	Quantity
Jungle Gym	2
Sign	2
Single Bench	6
Swing	1
Water Feature	1

The condition assessment results:

- Playground equipment are in good condition;
- Shelter could use minor repairs (the shelter was repaired in 2018);
- Links several neighborhoods giving opportunity to residents; from adjacent neighborhoods to use the park. For instance, the site draws visitors from Edgewater;
- Lacks designated parking space and handicapped accessibility.





**Kings Chapel Park:**



- Acreage: 7.9
- Walkable Population: 568
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 131 Kings Chapel Drive
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **3.7**

The condition assessment results:

- No designated parking space, but on-street parking is available, and no handicapped accessibility;
- The basketball court needs resurfacing (the court is scheduled to be resurfaced in 2020);
- Playground equipment by the park shelter needs to be updated.

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	1
Basketball	1
Basketball Pole	2
Jungle Gym	1
Memorial	1
Miscellaneous	1
Shelter House	1
Sign	2
Single Bench	3
Slide	1
Spring Horse	2
Swing	2
Water Feature	1





Lincoln Community Center:

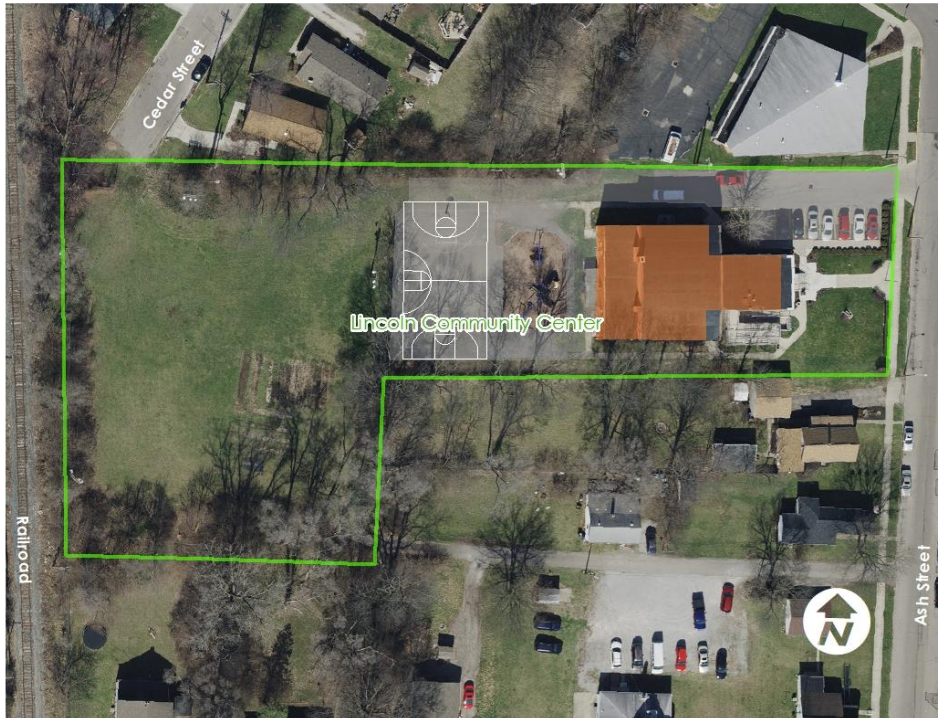


- Acreage: 1.9
- Walkable Population: 2,312
- Service Area Distance: 0.13 miles
- Location: 110 Ash Street
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **1.9**

Inventory	Quantity
Basketball	1
Basketball Pole	3
Jungle Gym	1
Miscellaneous	1
Swing	2

The condition assessment results:

- The playground equipment is in fair condition; needs to be updated.





Mayors Park:

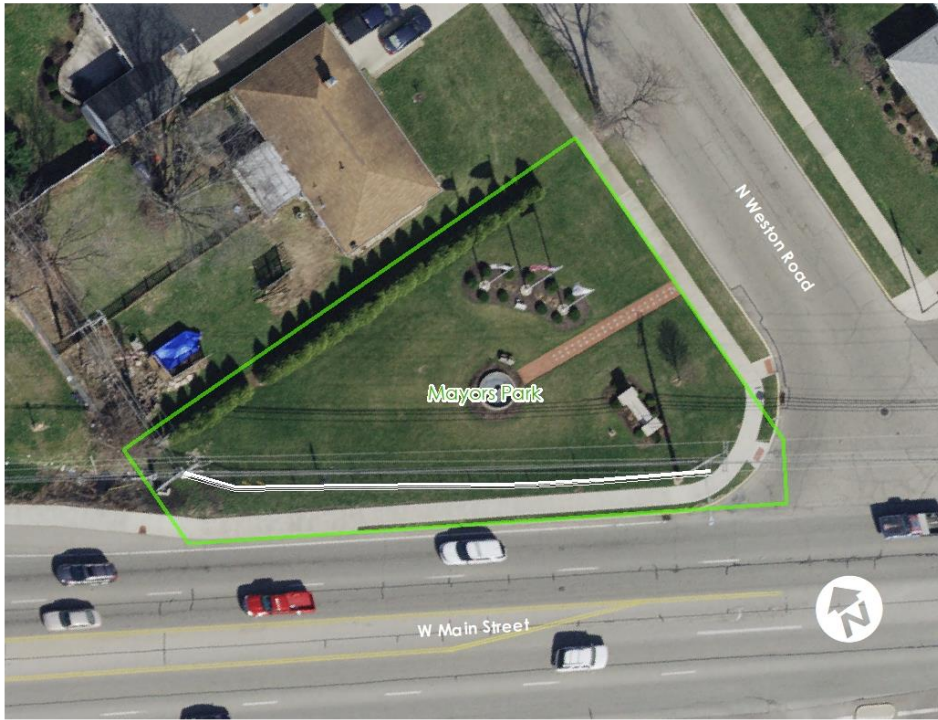


- Acreage: 0.3
- Walkable Population: 1,548
- Service Area Distance: 0.13
- Location: 1611 West Main Street
- Classification: Mini-Park
- Overall Average Condition: **2.0**

Inventory	Quantity
Fountain	1

The Condition Assessment Result:

- Well-maintained passive greenspace (replacement of fountain retaining well is scheduled for 2020).





McKaig and Race Park:



- Acreage: 3.0
- Walkable Population: 2,187
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 822 McKaig Avenue
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **2.3**

Inventory	Quantity
Gazebo	1
Sign	31
Single Bench	4

The condition assessment results:

- Passive recreational area;
- No playground;
- No on-site parking lots;
- Lacks shade;
- Vandalism is a reoccurring issue.





Meadowpoint Park:

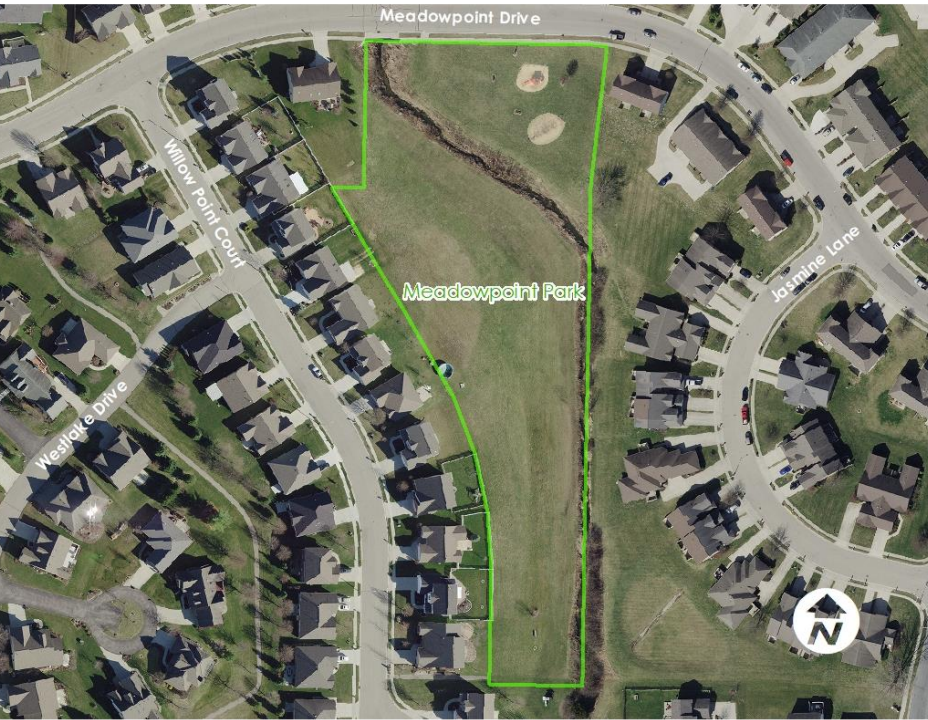


- Acreage: 3.6
- Walkable Population: 109
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 2430 Meadowpoint Drive
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- The overall average condition: **2.2**

Inventory	Quantity
Jungle Gym	1
Sign	1
Single Bench	3
Swing	1

The condition assessment results:

- Lacks shade;
- Playground is in good condition;
- No handicapped accessibility.





Menke Park:

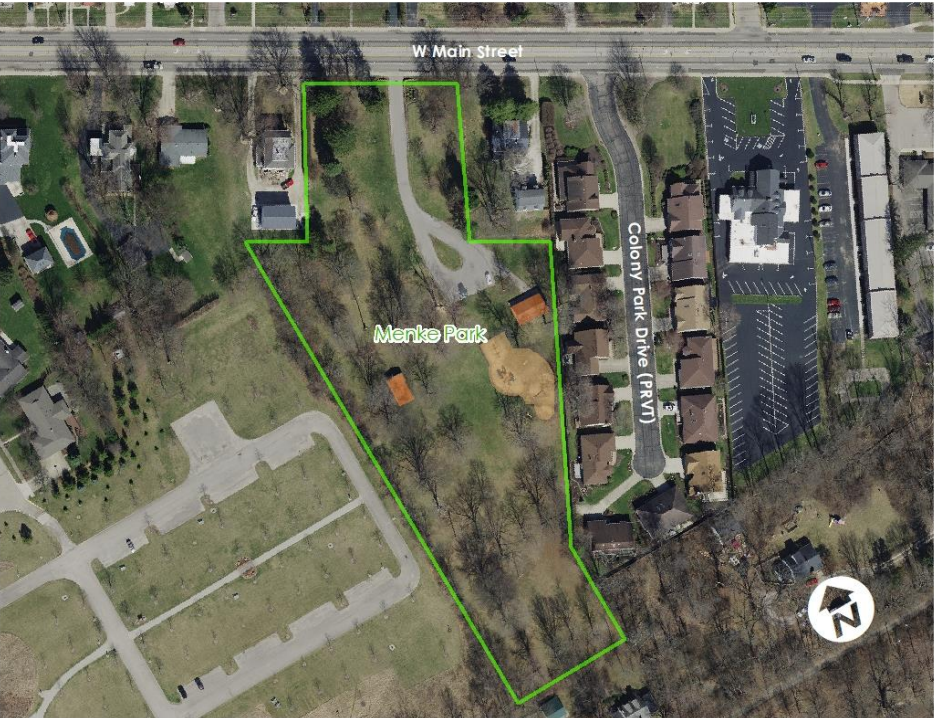


- Acreage: 4.0
- Walkable Population: 607
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 1176 West Main Street
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **3.8**

The condition assessment results:

- Heavily used;
- Close proximity to downtown;
- Slide and swing next to it are outdated and should be replaced;
- Mulch needs maintenance (mulch was replaced in 2018);
- No handicapped accessibility.

Inventory	Quantity
Birdhouse	1
Concession	1
Equipment Shed	1
Jungle Gym	1
Restroom	1
Shelter House	1
Sign	1
Single Bench	3
Slide	1
Swing	2





North Market Ball Fields:



- Acreage: 7.3
- Walkable Population: 1,561
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 133 North Market Street
- Classification: Sports Complex
- Overall Average Condition: **3.0**

The condition assessment results:

- Lacks concessions;
- Lighting fixtures should be replaced at softball fields; fields are not lighted properly; causes safety concerns (lighting replacement is scheduled for 2021);
- Poles are rotten and need to be replaced.

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	2
Baseball	2
Bleacher	4
Chain Link Fence	7
Concession	1
Drinking Fountain	2
Dugout	4
Home Run Fence	2
Net	1
Press Box	1
Restroom	2
Scoreboard	2





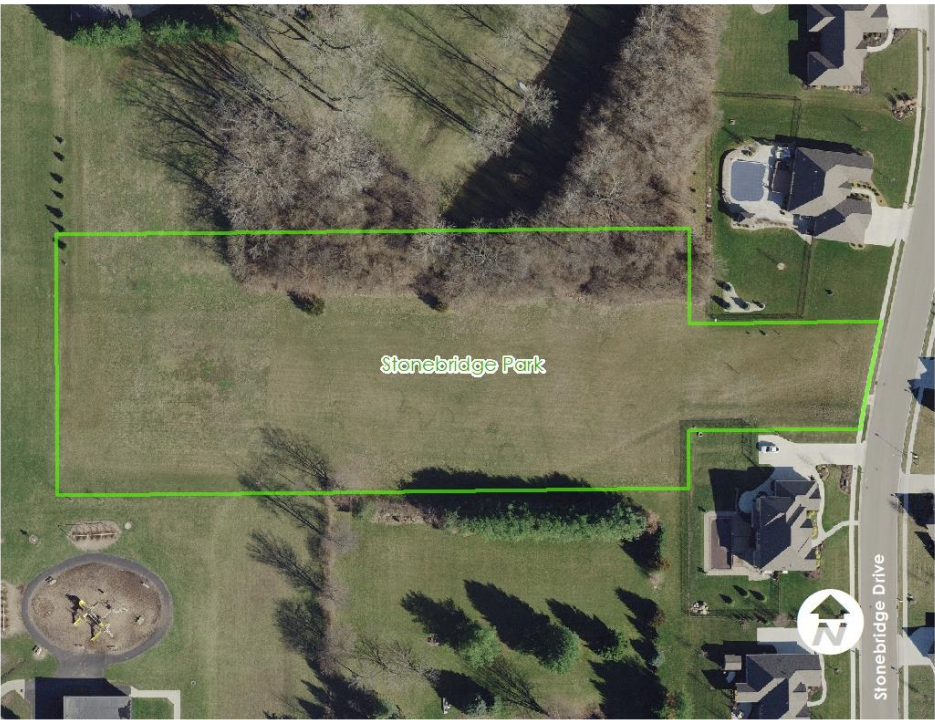
Stonebridge Park:



- Acreage: 3.2
- Walkable Population: 694
- Service Area Distance: 0.13 miles
- Location: Stonebridge Drive
- Classification: Greenway
- Overall Average Condition: No existing inventory to be evaluated

The Condition Assessment Results:

- Undeveloped;
- Could be developed into a park space or sold.





Treasure Island Park:

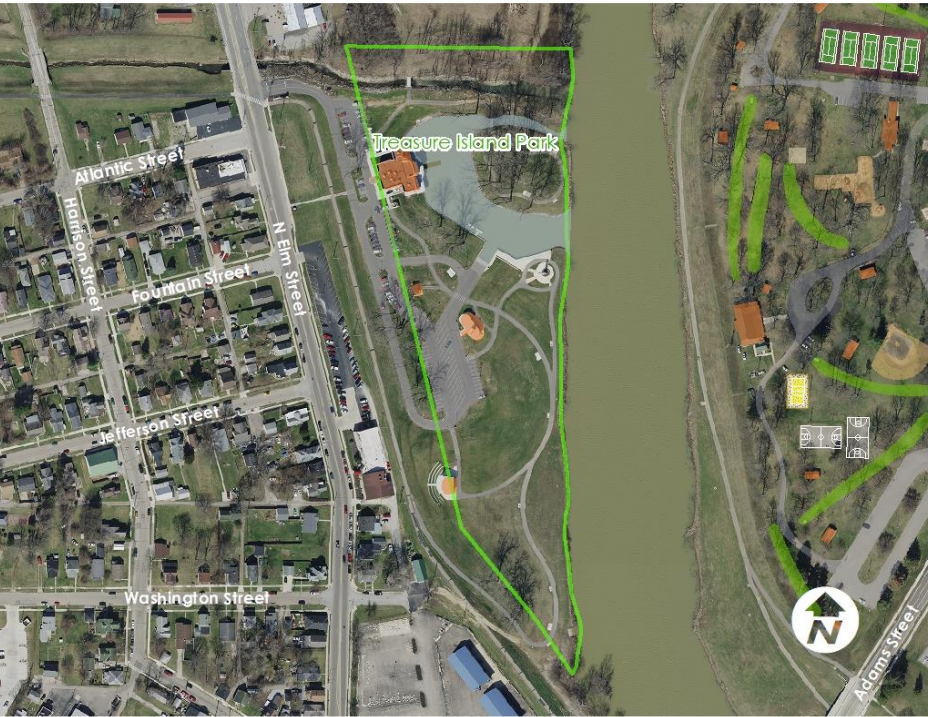


- Acreage: 10.7
- Walkable Population: 2,067
- Service Area Distance: 1.00 mile
- Location: 409 North Elm Street
- Classification: Community Park and Special Use
- Overall Average Condition: **1.1**

The condition assessment results:

- The park is in an excellent condition; no issues were found.

Inventory	Quantity
Amphitheater	1
Bike Rack	4
Boat/kayak Ramp	2
Fountain	1
Park Building	4
Picnic Table	1
Pond	1
Restroom	5
Shelter House	1
Single Bench	3





Trinity Park:



- Acreage: 6.0
- Walkable Population: 278
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 1600 Tyrone Road
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **3.1**

The condition assessment results:

- Upgrading playground is required.

Inventory	Quantity
Basketball	1
Basketball Pole	1
Drinking Fountain	1
Scoreboard	5
Sign	1
Single Bench	1
Slide	1
Soccer	2
Swing	2
Picnic Table	1





Trostel Park:



- Acreage: 5.6
- Walkable Population: 806
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 1237 South Union Street
- Classification: Neighborhood Park and Sports Complex
- Overall Average Condition: **3.2**

The condition assessment results:

- Play equipment such as monkey bars and swing are outdated;
- Baseball field fencing should be replaced (new backstop and fencing have been installed).

Inventory	Quantity
Back Stop	3
Baseball	1
Bleacher	2
Drinking Fountain	1
Home Run Fence	1
Jungle Gym	1
Memorials	1
Monkey Bars	2
Shelter House	1
Sign	1
Single Bench	2
Swing	1





Waco Park:



- Acreage: 1.4
- Walkable Population: N/A; live outside the city limit
- Service Area Distance: 0.13 miles
- Location: 1410 Waco Street
- Classification: Mini-park
- Overall Average Condition: **3.6**
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The condition assessment results:

- The lot is in the city limits but serves visitors from outside city limits. There are no Troy residents in close proximity to the park;
- The play equipment is outdated and needs to be replaced.

Inventory	Quantity
Merry-Go-Round	1
Sign	1
Single Bench	2
Slide	1
Swing	1



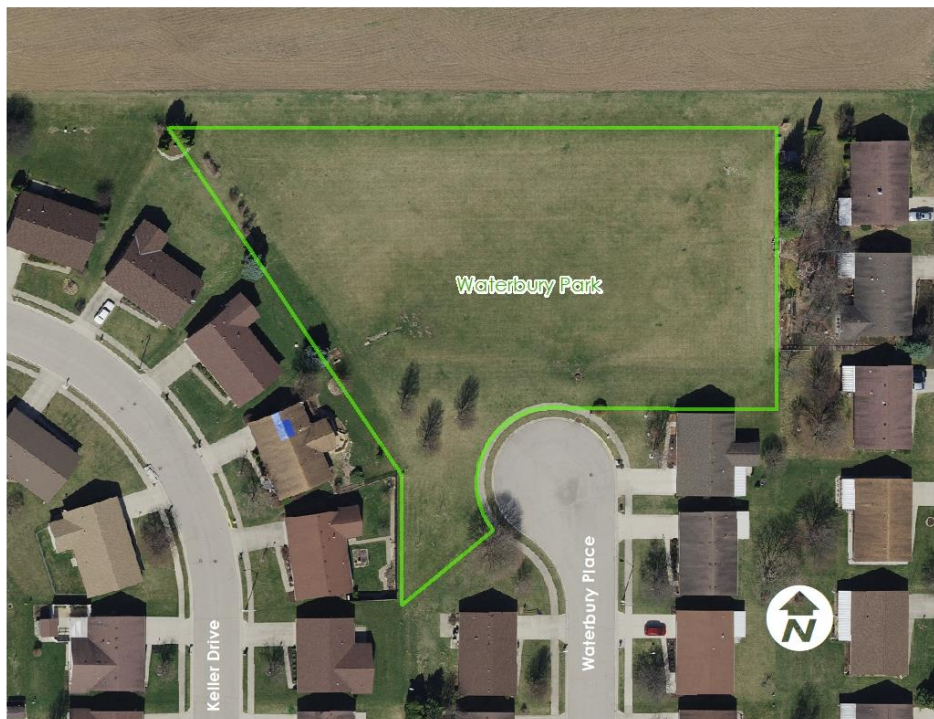
### Waterbury Park:



- Acreage: 1.6
- Walkable Population: 232
- Service Area Distance: 0.13 miles
- Location: 1313 Waterbury
- Classification: Greenway
- Overall Average Condition: No existing inventory to be evaluated

#### The Condition Assessment Results:

- Well-maintained passive greenspace.





Westbrook Park:

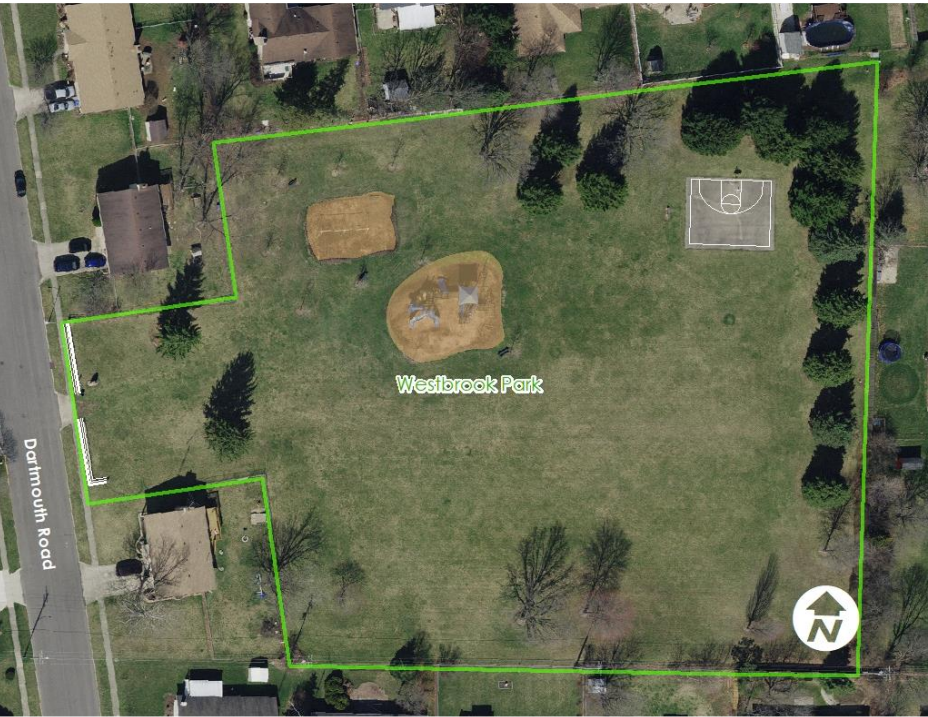


- Acreage: 3.4
- Walkable Population: 2,043
- Service Area Distance: 0.25 miles
- Location: 831 Dartmouth Road
- Classification: Neighborhood Park
- Overall Average Condition: **3.0**

Inventory	Quantity
Basketball	1
Basketball Pole	1
Decorative	2
Jungle Gym	1
Sign	1
Single Bench	5
Swing	1

The condition assessment results:

- The basketball court needs resurfacing (the court is scheduled for sealcoating and striping in 2022);
- The bench should either be replaced or repaired (the benches were repaired in 2019);
- No walking paths;
- No handicapped accessibility.







## 2018 City of Troy Parks Master Plan Public Involvement Survey Results

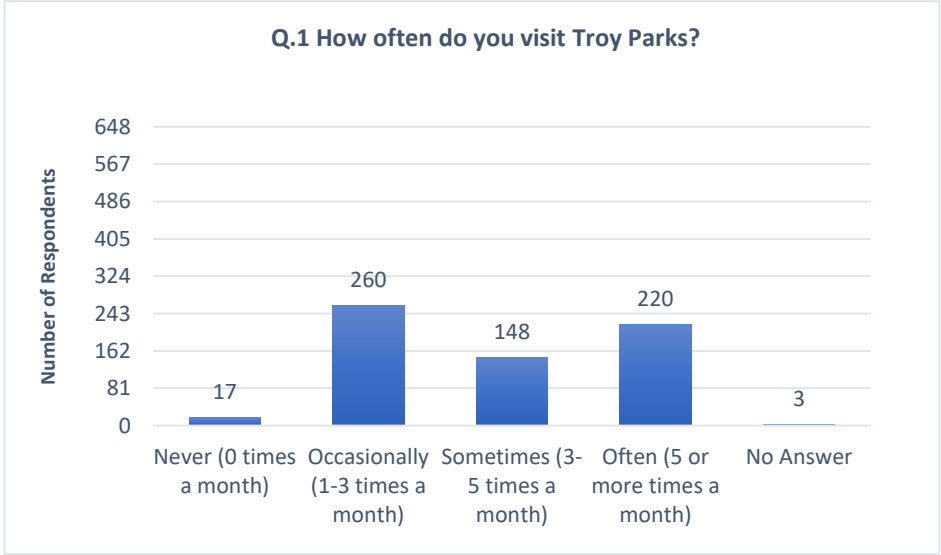
To promote the process of updating the 1990 Master Plan in 2018, the City of Troy sought public input on the City’s park facilities using the survey method. The compiled survey consisted of 16 questions. Each question provided multiple answers and encouraged respondents to provide additional comments and concerns about Troy parks. (To view the survey, refer Exhibit 2 in Appendix and for survey results, refer Exhibit 3 in Appendix).

Question 1 in the survey was to determine how often were Troy parks overall visited. Based on the received feedback, Troy parks occasionally (1-3 times a month).

Question 2 was asked to determine transportation mode used to get to Troy parks. The main transportation mode to get to the parks is a car. Question 3 was asked to find out how safe the Troy residents feel at Troy parks.

- 46% marked 5, thus responded that they feel very safe,
- 40% checked 4;

Safety not an issue of focus for a majority of respondents.



To the question “why do you visit Troy Parks?”, the five answers that received the most votes were: Walking/Jogging, Playground/Jungle, Relaxation, Picnic/Barbecue, and Concerts/Events.

Notably, the recreational activities given the highest number of votes in the Troy Park Involvement Survey reflect the national trends. The

Park Pulse Survey conducted by NRPA in 2019 determined that Americans top three recreational activities are picnicking with family and friends (58%), going to the pool (48%), and walking or hiking along a local trail (45%).

In Question 5 the respondents had an opportunity to rate the overall condition of Troy’s parks, facilities, and activities from 1 to 5 (1 being very bad, 2-poor, 3-fair, 4-good, and 5 excellent). The majority of answers were distributed among the ratings of 3, 4, and 5.

- 18% of respondents gave a rating of 5 to overall condition of Troy parks;
- 41% rated 4;
- 29% rated 3;

Top three responses for evaluating events at Troy parks were as follows:

- 21% marked 5;
- 29% marked 4;
- 25% marked 3;

Top three responses for evaluating recreational programs at Troy parks were as follows:

- 26% rated 4;
- 24% marked “I don’t know”;
- 19% rated 3;

To rate the experience reserving space at Troy parks 40% marked “I don’t know,” 16% rated experience as 3, and 15% as 5. To evaluate publicity and marketing of events and programs at Troy parks, the majority of answers were distributed among the ratings of 2, 3, and 4.

- 26% rated 3;
- 25% marked 4;
- 19% rated 2.

The purpose of Question 6 was to determine how often is each facility visited. The survey analysis discovered that the following parks are reported as “Never visited” by a majority of respondents: Archer, Carriage Crossing, Edgewater, Herrlinger, Meadowpoint, Menke, North Market Street Ballfields, Joe Reardon Skatepark, Trinity, Troy Aquatic Park, Hook, Kings Chapel, Lincoln Community Center, Miami Shores Golf Course, Mayors Park, McKaig and Race, Kensington, Hook, Kings Chapel Park, Waco, and Westbrook Park. Furthermore, the answer “I don’t know where this is” gained the

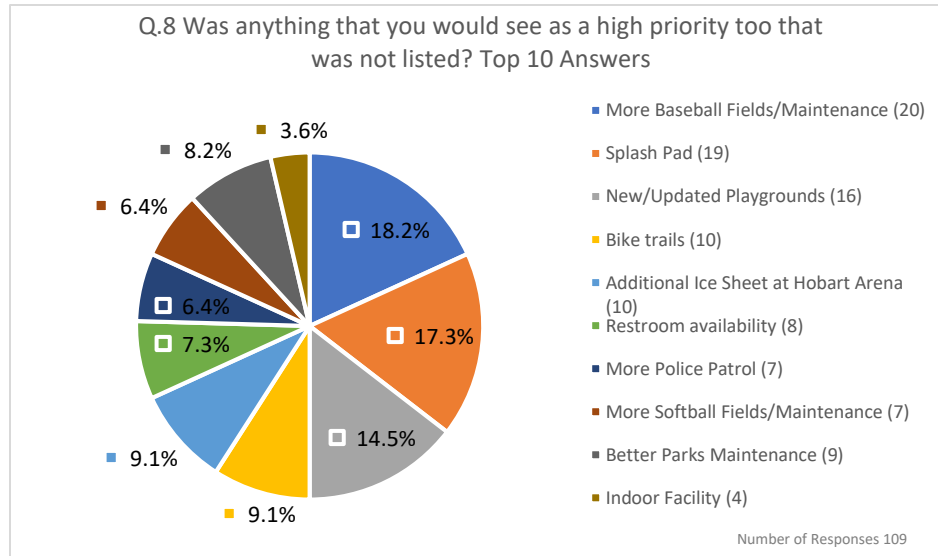
majority of responses for the following parks: Boyer, Campbell, and Trostel. The most visited facilities are Hobart Arena and Community, Duke, Treasure Island, Troy Aquatic, and Menke Parks. An overview of the survey results for the question “how often do you visit these facilities?” shows that the parks which are never visited, or residents are not aware of their existence are neighborhood or mini-parks. The most visited parks are large parks which offer a variety of recreational activities.

When respondents were asked to prioritize suggested preferences, the results showed:

- Acquisition of additional park land was not a priority;
- Bike racks, bike connectivity, new indoor recreation facility, outdoor fitness equipment, and dog park were listed as somewhat a priority;
- High priority was given to casual recreation such as mini-golf, disc-golf, splash pad, water and river recreation, handicapped accessibility, multi-use trails, and nature trails;
- Very high priority was given to public restroom access at parks and repairing and maintaining current facilities.

The respondents provided additional suggestions of what they see as a high priority that was not listed. Additional baseball fields, maintenance of existing fields, splash pad, and updating playgrounds are a priority. Two of the reasons provided for requesting more baseball/softball fields are the inability to use the fields which flood during heavy rain and the condition of the fields. Updating playgrounds are requested due to outdated equipment; Trinity Park’s playground is given as an example. Deteriorating equipment raises safety concerns for some respondents. The preference to have an inclusive playground for children with special needs was also expressed. The respondents also see a need to replace or repair some of the benches and picnic shelters. Moreover, the desire for more police patrol in the parks is caused by the perception of drug activity and occasional vandalism.

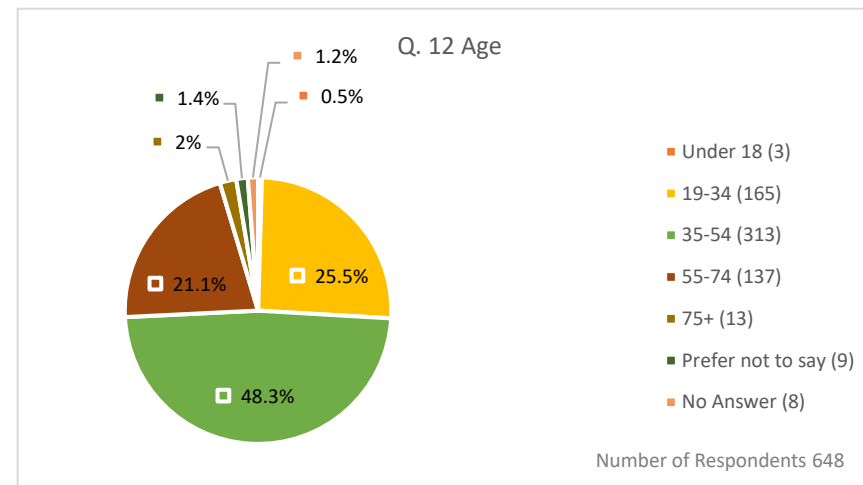
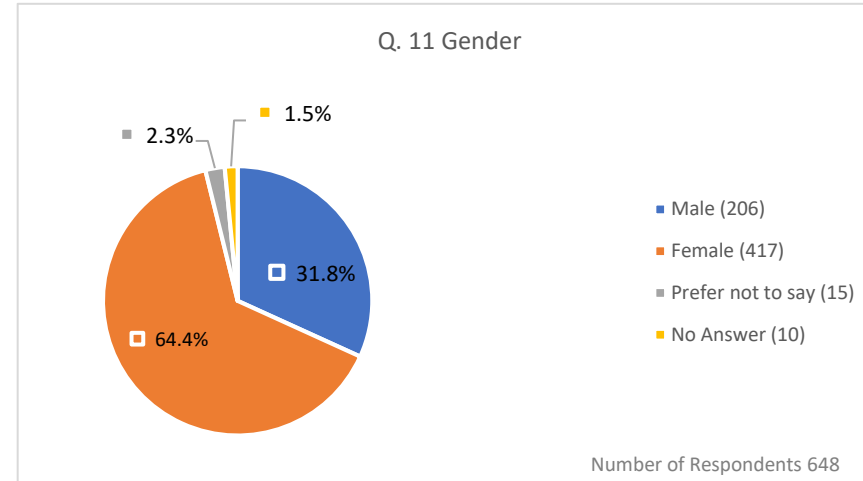




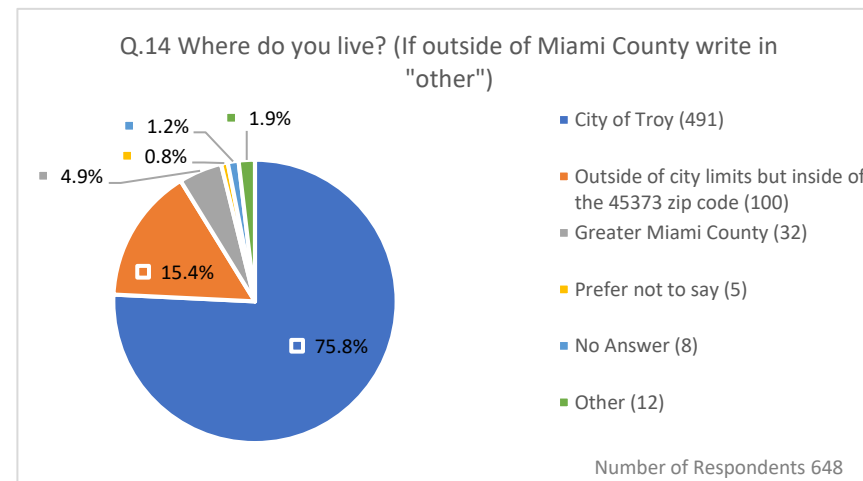
The respondents were also asked to list any additional amenities or activities that they would like to see at within the parks system. Once again, a splash pad was the most desired amenity listed followed by upgraded playgrounds, more baseball fields, putt-putt/mini-golf, and second sheet of ice at Hobart Arena.

Question 10 asked the respondents to choose a reason from the given list to explain what prevents them from using Troy parks. 54% responded that they enjoy using the City parks and have no issues. However, almost 21% did not provide an answer. Those surveyed were also asked to provide other reasons preventing them to visit Troy's parks. Some of the responses in this section matched with the priorities those surveyed indicated they would like to see in parks. The reasons cited as a hindrance to visit the parks were lack of restrooms, outdated playgrounds, not having diverse play equipment, poorly maintained parks, lack of seating options, safety concern, and shade.

The survey also collected general demographic information of the surveyed such as gender and age. Females were the majority of the respondents and 48% of the surveyed were between the age 35 and 54.



Moreover, the respondents were asked to indicate if they live in the City limits of Troy, outside of the city limits but inside of the 45373 zip code, reside in Greater Miami County, or if outside Miami County the respondents provided residence information in the section "other."



The survey also asked respondents about the geographic location of employment. 37% answered that they work in the city of Troy, 13% - Greater Miami, 4% - outside of the city limits but inside of the 45373 zip code, 28% provided other answers which were not listed and the major category of those respondents were retired.

At the end of the survey respondents were given another opportunity to provide additional comments or suggestions. The results once more reflected the demand of a splash pad, improved facility maintenance at parks, restroom availability and cleanliness, updated playground equipment, additional ice sheet at Hobart Arena and increased patrolling of parks. However, in this section the respondents also expressed the need for more information about parks and additional staff in the Park Department.

The analysis of survey results showed that surveyed Troy community members use parks for a variety of recreational activities, especially for walking and jogging, playgrounds, relaxation, picnic and barbecue, and concerts/events. These results also reflect the findings published by Ohio Department of Natural Resources in *Ohio Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* which showed that among Ohioans some of the most popular outdoor activities were walking, jogging, concerts/plays, and picnicking. The reoccurring concern and need identified based on the responses are repair and maintenance of current parks' facilities and outdated playground equipment. Another common issue cited is restroom availability in the parks.



# Appendix



**Table 1.** Parks Classification Standards Provided by NRPA

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
<b>Mini-Park</b>	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs	Less than a ¼ mile distance in residential setting	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size
<b>School-Park</b>	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use	Determined by the quality and sustainability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance	As needed to accommodate desired uses usually between 30 and 50 acres
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation	¼ to ½ mile distance and non-interrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers	5 acres is considered minimum size 5 to 10 acres is optimal
<b>Community Park</b>	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1/2 to 3-mile distance	As needed to accommodate desired uses usually between 30 and 50 acres

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
<b>Natural Resource Area</b>	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable
<b>Private Property</b>	Parks and recreational facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system	Variable-dependent on specific use	Variable
<b>Large Urban Park</b>	Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscape and open space	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal
<b>Sports Complex</b>	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community	Strategically located community-wide facilities	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
<b>Greenway</b>	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable
<b>Large Urban Park</b>	Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscape and open space	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal
<b>Special Use</b>	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use	Variable-dependent on specific use	Variable

**Table 2.** The Criteria for the Parks Condition Assessment

Structural Condition	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	Like new condition, no cracks in concrete, no apparent deterioration
2	Good	Hairline cracking is minimal, still structurally sound, no corrosion or deterioration on roof rafters
3	Fair	Cracking is 1/4" or less but still functional, no immediate attention is needed, roof rafters are showing some signs of deterioration
4	Poor	Cracking is 1/4" or greater, roof rafters have deterioration on them, attention is needed
5	Needs Replaced	Safety is a concern
Roof	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	Roof has no leaks, no missing shingles, no apparent deterioration
2	Good	Minor roof leaks, minimal missing shingles, minor deterioration
3	Fair	Roof shows signs of wear, but is structurally sound, missing shingles, roof leaks, significant metal peeling or fading, structural issues of sub shading are present, roof rust is present
4	Poor	Significant roof leaks, abundant missing shingles, abundant rusting of metal roofs, beams and roof rafters damaged
5	Needs Replaced	Major structural damage, safety is a concern, severe rusting or corrosion on metal roofs
Paint	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	No graffiti or chips present, no discoloration, finishes are fresh, no rust or corrosion
2	Good	Minor discoloration and chips in paint, still aesthetically pleasing
3	Fair	Rust forming under chipped paint, presence of graffiti
4	Poor	Extensive graffiti, chipping of paint, rust is a concern
5	Needs Replaced	Severe rust and corrosion, large amounts of graffiti

Foundation	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	No cracks/chips in concrete, little signs of water, condition is like new
2	Good	Minor cracks/chips in concrete, minor marks and abrasions, structurally sound
3	Fair	Cracks/chips in concrete are present, still structurally functional
4	Poor	Major cracks/chips in concrete, functionality is a concern
5	Needs Replaced	Safety is a concern
Playground Equipment	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	Like new condition, no rust or discoloration, meets all safety requirements
2	Good	Minor rust and discoloration, minor paint chipping, safety requirements are still met, curb is intact
3	Fair	Rust, detonation, and paint chipping/discoloration are present but do not cause a safety concern
4	Poor	Abundant rust detonation and vandalism are present, safety barriers are beginning to deteriorate
5	Needs Replaced	Severe rust deterioration and vandalism are present, safety barriers are deteriorated, safety is a concern
Dirt/Mulch	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	Covers all areas evenly, like new condition, meets safety standards
2	Good	Minor divots and unevenness, but still functional,
3	Fair	Divots and unevenness are present, functionality is subpar
4	Poor	Divots affect functionality of the surface, concrete is showing through surface
5	Needs Replaced	Divots and unevenness cause a safety concern

Playing Surface	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	0-5% Material deterioration; grass with few bare spots; no noticeable drainage issues; proper slope and layout.
2	Good	6-10% Material deterioration; grass bare spots are present but minor; court functionality is still good; minor erosion damage.
3	Fair	11-25% Material deterioration; large grass bare spots; erosion damage is present but does not affect surface functionality.
4	Poor	26+% Material deterioration; severe grass bare spots; erosion damage effects functionality of the surface.
5	Needs Replaced	Severe Material deterioration; extreme grass bare spots; extreme flooding; surface functionality is minimal.
Water Features	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	Flow is not obstructed, well maintained, will flow according to design, criterion in perfect or almost perfect condition and doesn't need to be addressed
2	Good	Flow maybe somewhat obstructed around inlets and outlets, good maintenance, pond in good condition, criterion in good condition and doesn't need to be addressed
3	Fair	Flow is being obstructed around inlets and outlets by about half, some maintenance, criterion in average condition and should be considered being addressed in the near future
4	Poor	Flow is obstructed around inlets and outlets thereby causing areas of stagnate water to develop, rarely maintained, criterion in fair condition and should be addressed very soon
5	Needs Replaced	Flow is completely obstructed around inlets and outlets, poorly or never maintained, will not flow according to design, criterion is poor condition and attention should be brought to it immediately

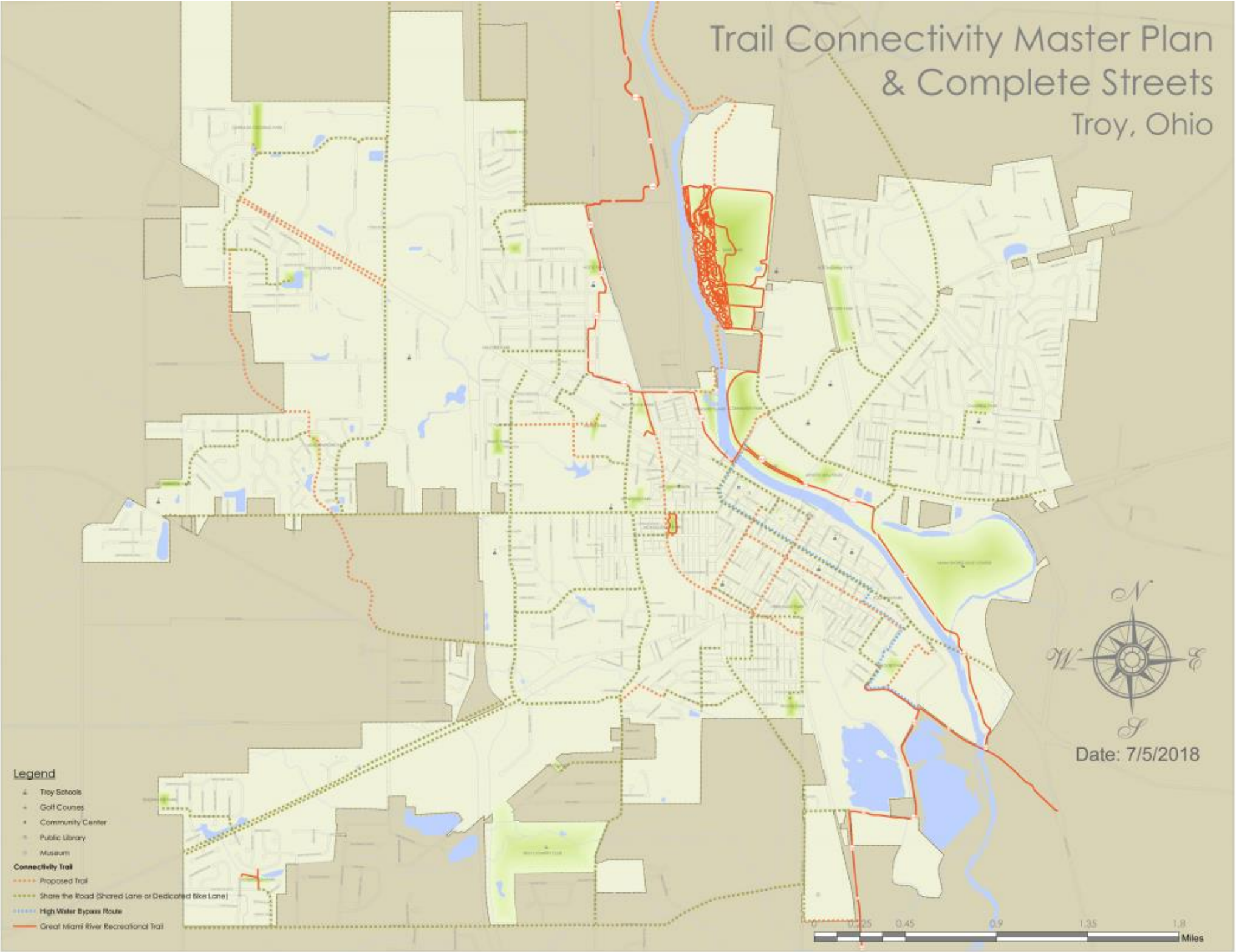


**Table 2.** The Criteria for the Parks Condition Assessment

Grass	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	Thick carpet like appearance, void of bore spots and/or divots, no broad leaf weeds present, grass is completely even
2	Good	Minor divots are present, few broad leaf weeds are present, 85% or more of grass is even
3	Fair	Broad leaf weeds are present, bare spots and divots are present but do not hinder the functionality of the grass
4	Poor	Bare spots and divots are beginning to cause a safety concern,
5	Needs Replaced	Mostly weeds, very little grass, unevenness affects the functionality of the field, safety is a concern
Trails	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	No ruts, vegetation is well maintained, no rocks or tree stumps are present.
2	Good	No ruts, minor vegetation overgrowth, few rocks and tree stumps but does not affect trail functionality
3	Fair	Some ruts, vegetation is beginning to need maintenance but not obstructing trails
4	Poor	Soil washouts are present, vegetation partially blocks trails, vegetation needs maintenance
5	Needs Replaced	Trees and/or overgrowth fully obstruct trails, complete soil washouts, maintenance is needed
Parking Lots	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	Newly seal coated and striped, no drainage issues or cracking.
2	Good	In good condition; surface generally smooth and even; proper width and material for type of pathway; proper clearances; minimal drainage issues, striping is bright and visible.
3	Fair	Multiple cracks up to 1/4", line fading is present, unevenness is showing, weeds present in cracking
4	Poor	Multiple cracks greater than 1/2", line fading, unevenness affects functionality, ponding of water is present
5	Needs Replaced	Severe alligator cracking, ponding of water is present, surface is completely uneven.

BBQ Grills/Drinking Fountain	Scale	Criteria
1	Excellent	No rust and/or corrosion, water flows through nozzle, clean and free of debris, like new condition.
2	Good	Minor rust and/or corrosion, water flows through nozzle, minor debris.
3	Fair	Water flow issues, rust and/or corrosion is present but still operable.
4	Poor	Rust and/or corrosion is present, water flow is subpar, needs cleaned and maintenance.
5	Needs Replaced	Severe rust and/or corrosion, health is a concern

Exhibit 1. Complete Streets Policy





## Exhibit 2. City of Troy Parks Master Plan Public Involvement Survey



## City of Troy Parks Master Plan Public Involvement Survey

The City of Troy is seeking public input on the City's park facilities. Your input will be used in the development of the 2018 Parks Master Plan.

The survey can be completed in under 10 minutes. Please feel free to write any other comments and concerns about Troy Parks in the last question of the survey if you feel that something important has been missed in our survey. Paper copies of this survey are available upon request to be filled out at City Hall at 100 S. Market Street.

Please contact the Public Service and Safety Director's Office if you have any questions or concerns  
(937)-335-1725

Thank you for your participation!

1. How often do you visit Troy Parks?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Never (0 times a month)
- ☐ Occasionally (1-3 times a month)
- ☐ Sometimes (3-5 times a month)
- ☐ Often (5 or more times a month)

2. How do you get to Troy Parks? (Check all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Walk  
☐ Bike  
☒ Car  
☐ Public Transit  
☐ Other:

3. How safe do you feel at Troy Parks?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Safe ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very Safe

4. Why do you visit Troy Parks? Check all that apply, if not listed please write in the "other" category.

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Baseball/Softball
- ☐ Basketball
- ☐ Concerts/Events
- ☐ Cycling
- ☐ Football
- ☐ Hockey
- ☐ Pickleball
- ☐ Playground/Jungle Gyms
- ☐ Picnic/Barbecue
- ☐ Relaxation
- ☐ Rowing/Kayaking
- ☐ Skating
- ☐ Soccer
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Tennis
- ☐ Rugby
- ☐ Walking/Jogging
- ☐ I do not visit Troy City Parks
- ☐ Other:

5. How would you rate the following?

Mark only one oval per row.

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6. How often do you visit these facilities?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never	I Don't Know Where This Is
Amelia Avenue Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Archer Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boyer Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brukner Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Campbell Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carriage Crossing Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Duke Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Fountain Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Herrlinger Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heywood Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hobart Arena	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hook Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kensington Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kings Chapel Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lincoln Community Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mayor's Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Miami Shores Golf Course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
McKaig-Race Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meadow Point Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
North Market Street Ballfields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Joe Reardon Skate Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Treasure Island Marina and Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trinity Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trostle Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Troy Aquatic Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waco Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Westbrook Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. How would you prioritize the following?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Not a Priority	Low Priority	Somewhat a Priority	High Priority	Very High Priority	Not Sure
Acquisition of Additional Troy Park Land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike Racks/Bike Connectivity (Example: Bike Paths/Lanes, Bike Racks)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Casual Recreation (Examples: Mini-Golf, Rock Walls, Disc Golf, Splash Pads)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Handicap/Disabled Accessibility at Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multi-Use Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connectivity (Example: Walking & Jogging)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature Trails (Examples: Hiking, Walking)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Indoor Recreation Facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor Gyms (Examples: Fitness Equipment, CrossFit)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Restroom Access at Parks (Example: Prouty Plaza)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Repairing and Maintaining Current Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water/River Recreation (Example: Canoe/Kayak Rentals)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Was anything that you would see as a high priority to that was not listed?

9. Are there any additional amenities/activities that you would like to see at Troy Parks that has not been listed? If so, which park or facility?



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10. What prevents you from using Troy Parks? If not listed please feel free to write in the "other" section. (Check all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Troy Parks not within walking or biking distance/are unfavorable to walk to
- ☐ Troy Parks do not have enough parking access
- ☐ Troy Parks do not have handicapped or disabled access
- ☐ Troy Parks do not meet my needs for my preferred recreation activity
- ☐ I cannot reserve Troy Parks facilities
- ☐ I enjoy using Troy Parks and have no issues
- ☐ Other:

**11. Gender?**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to say

## 12. Age

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 19-34
- ☐ 35-54
- ☐ 55-74
- ☐ 75+
- ☐ Prefer not to say

13. Do you have children? If yes, check all of the age ranges that apply. If you do not have children please check "N/A".

Check all that apply.

- ☐ 0-5 years
- ☐ 6-10
- ☐ 11-15
- ☐ 16-20
- ☐ N/A

14. Where do you live? (If outside of Miami County write in "other")

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ City of Troy
- ☐ Outside of city limits but inside of the 45373 zip code
- ☐ Greater Miami County
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other:


15. Where do you work?(If outside of Miami County write in "other")

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ City of Troy
- ☐ Outside of city limits but inside of the 45373 zip code
- ☐ Greater Miami County
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other;

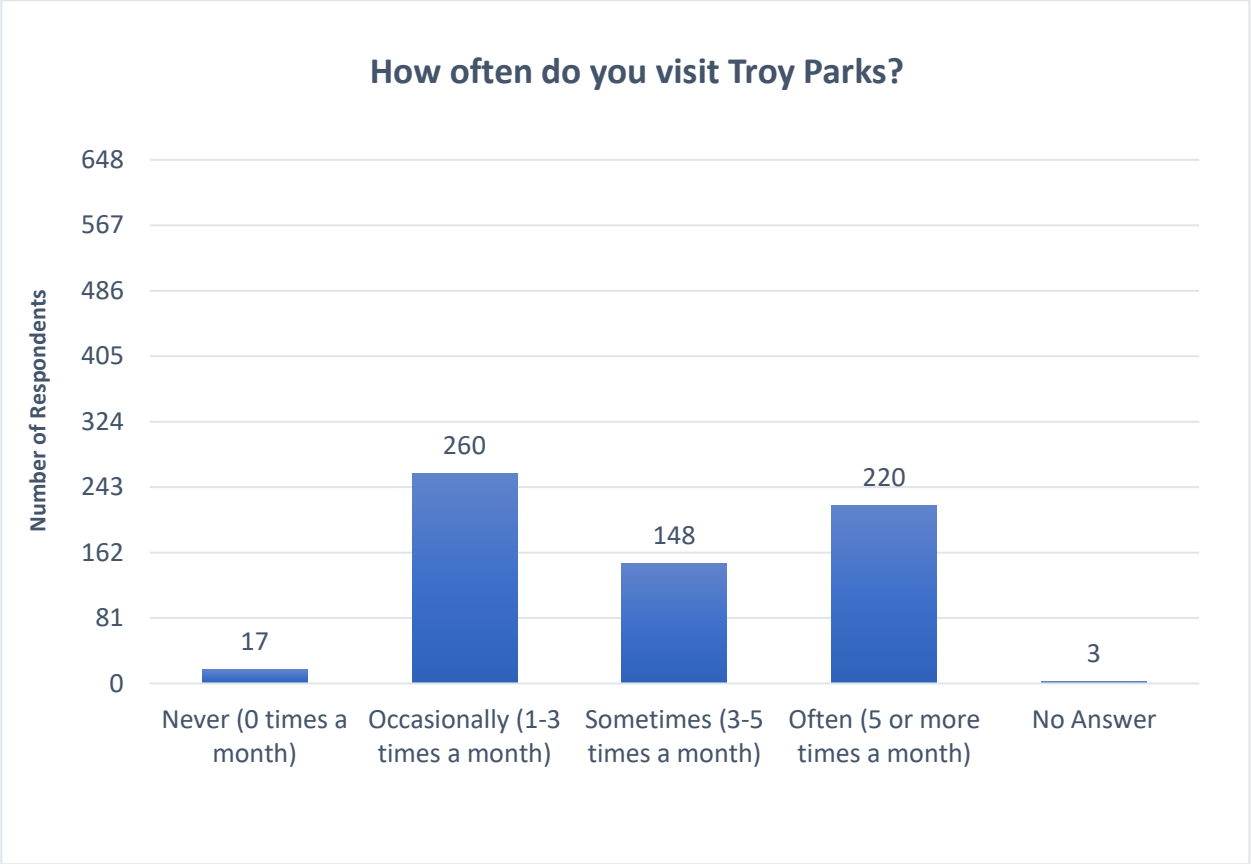
16. Any other comments/suggestions about Troy Parks that was not covered above?

Thank you for your participation.

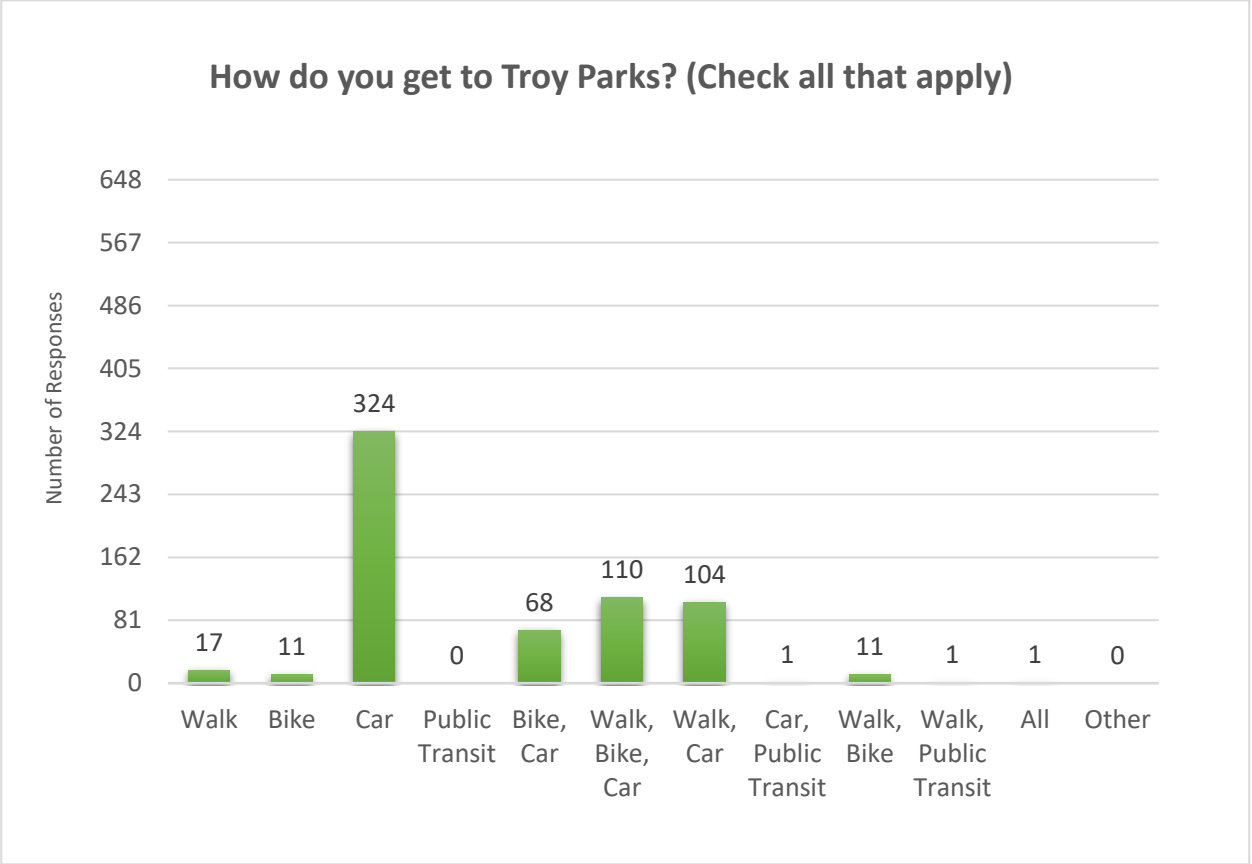
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**Exhibit 3.** City of Troy Parks Master Plan Public Involvement  
Survey Results

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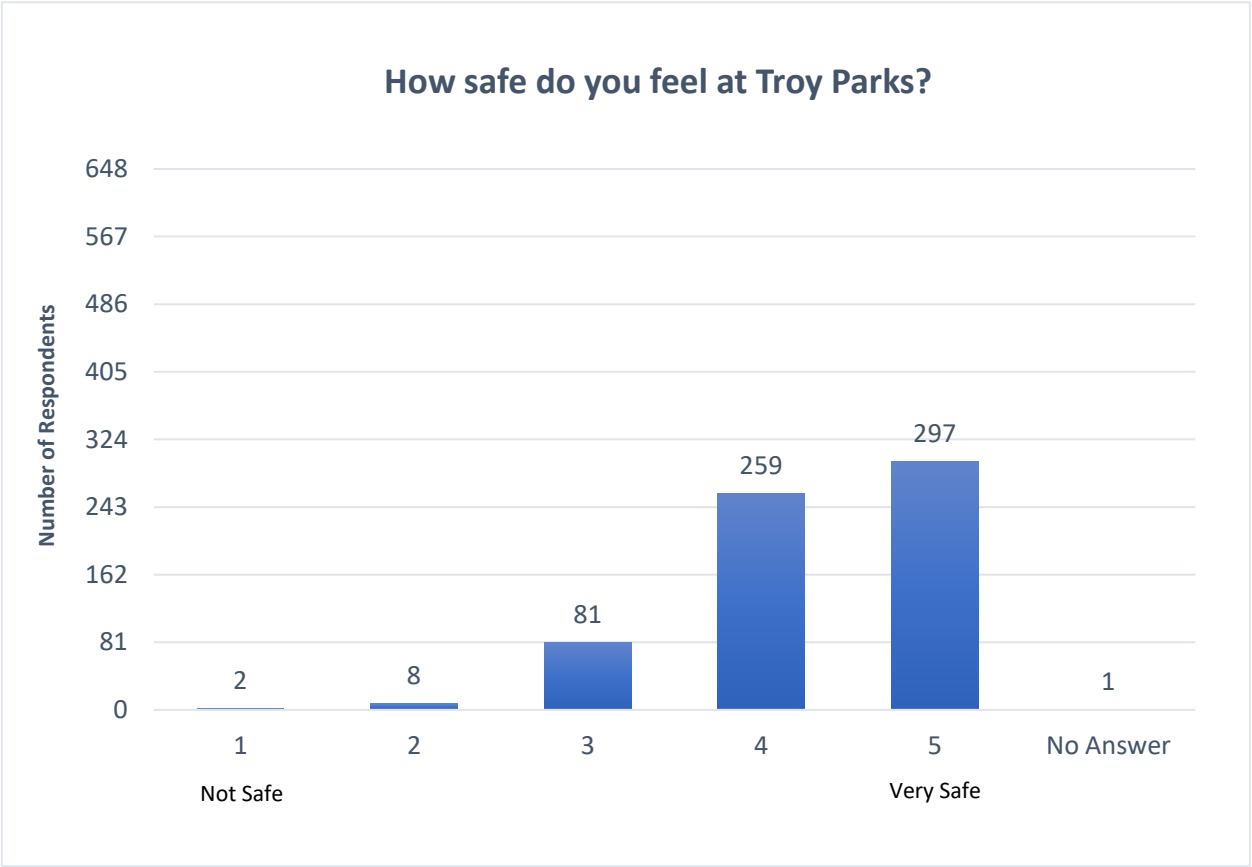


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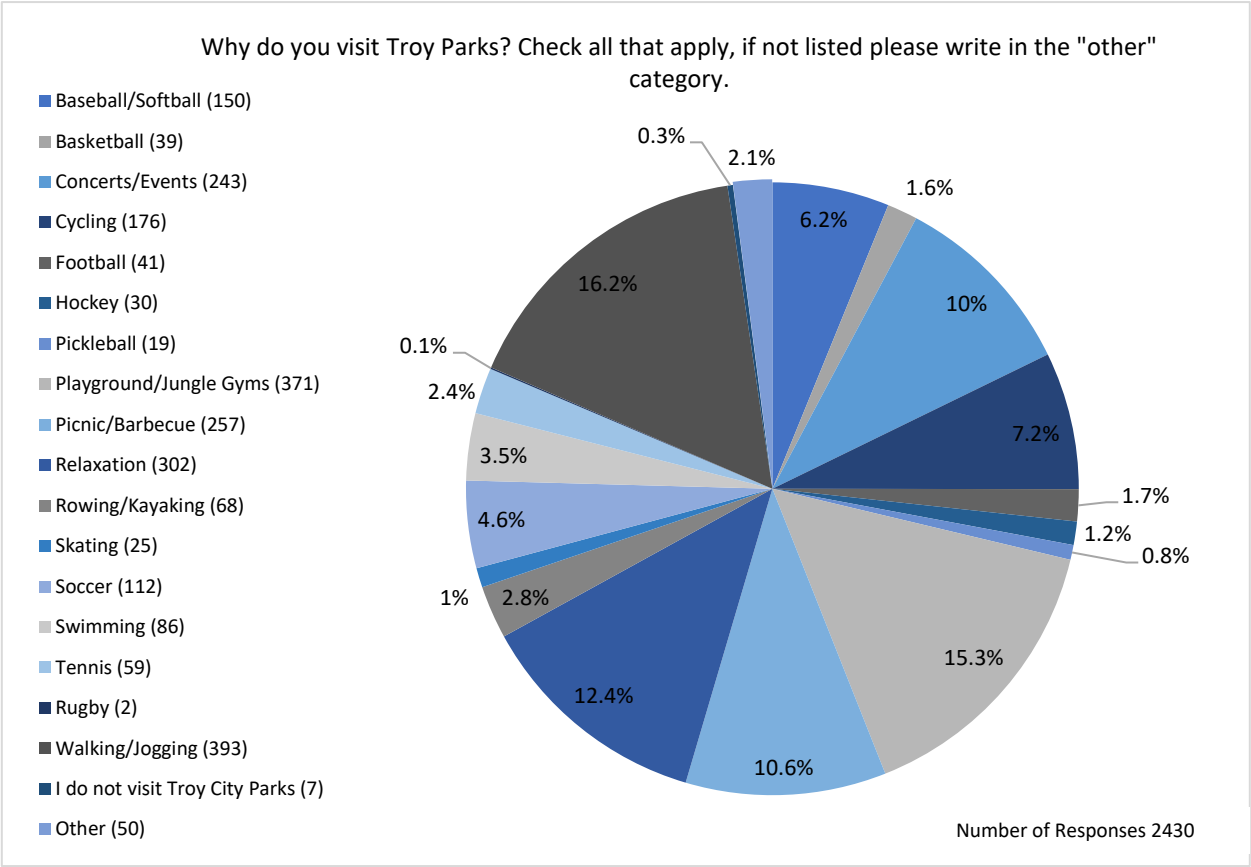




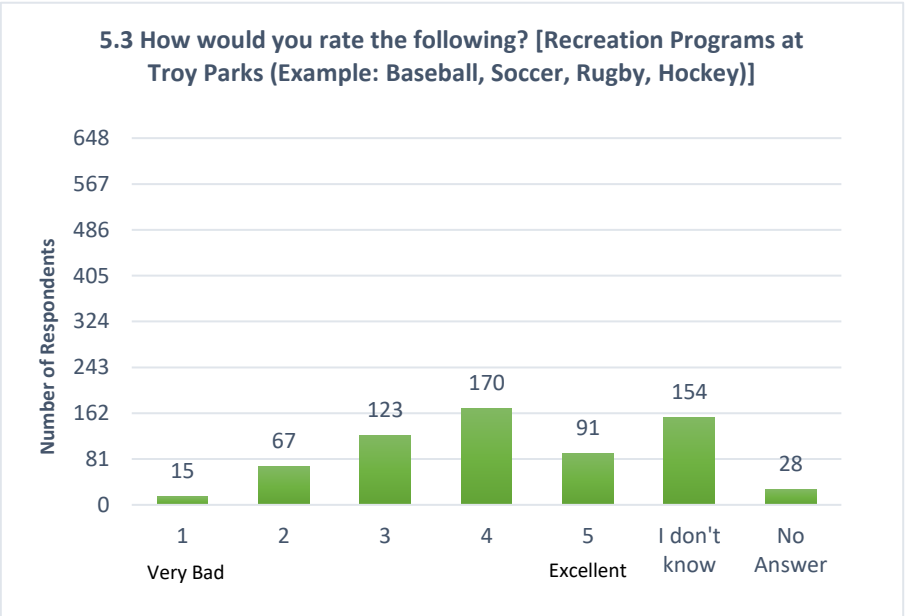
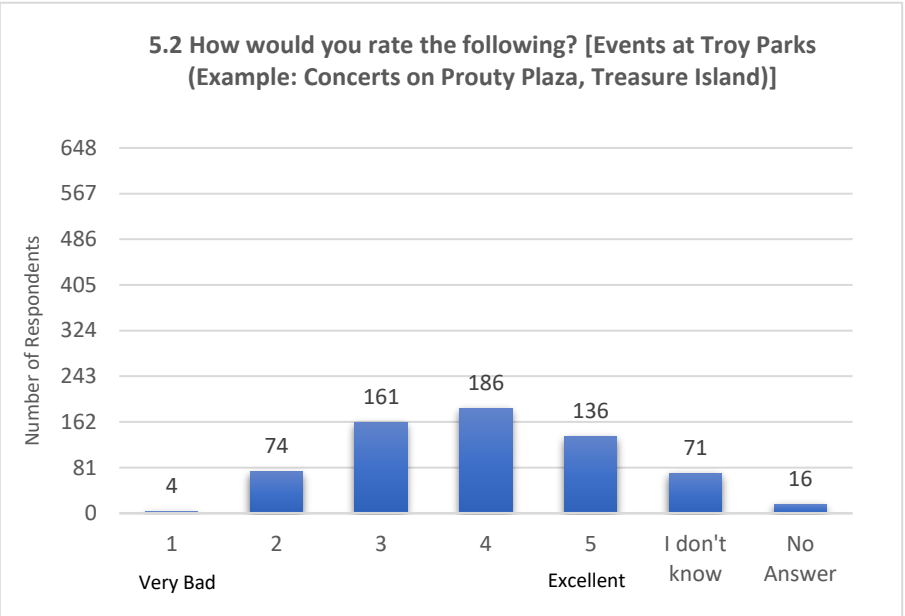
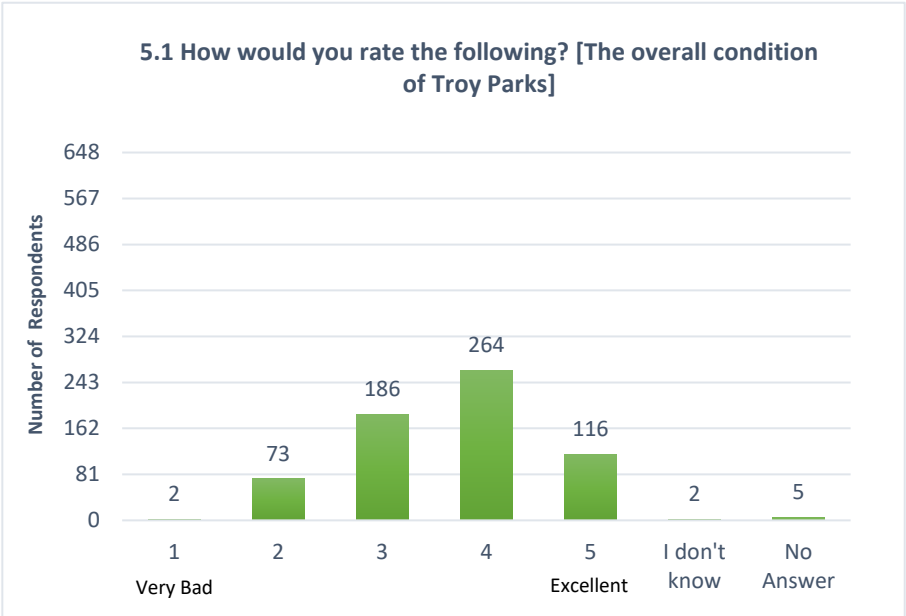
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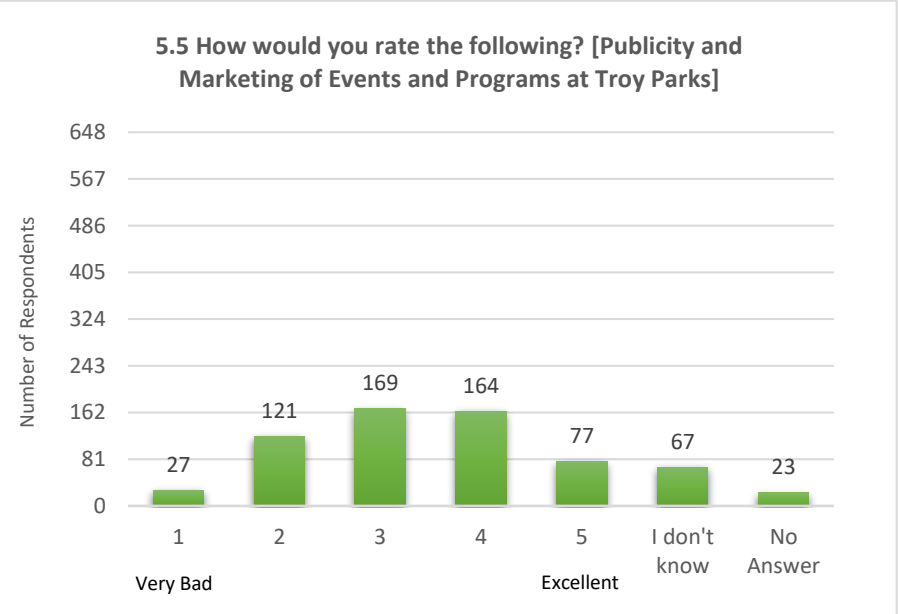
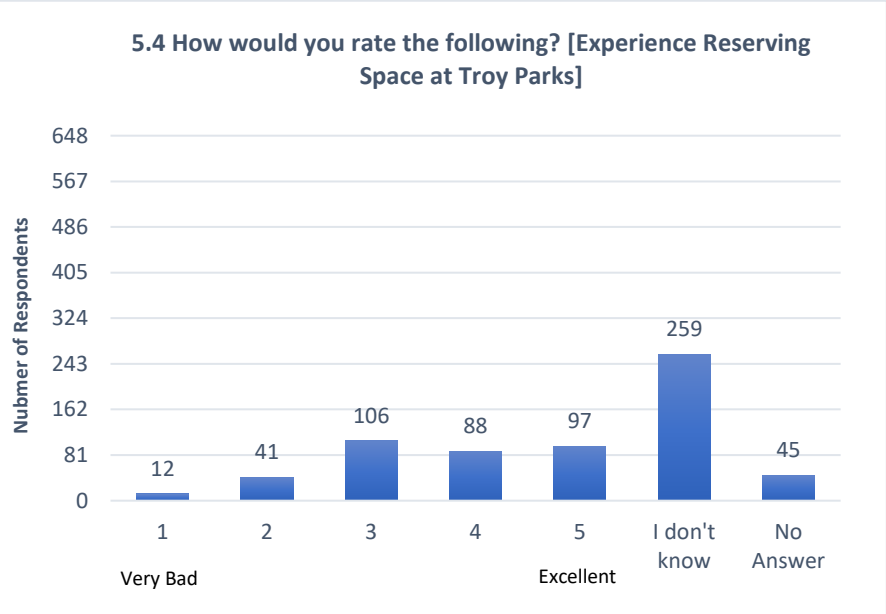


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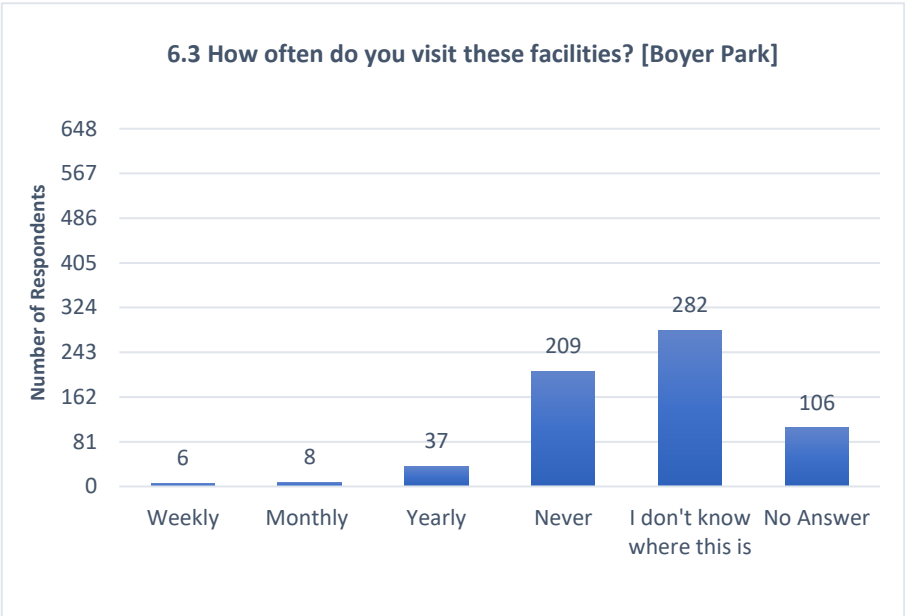
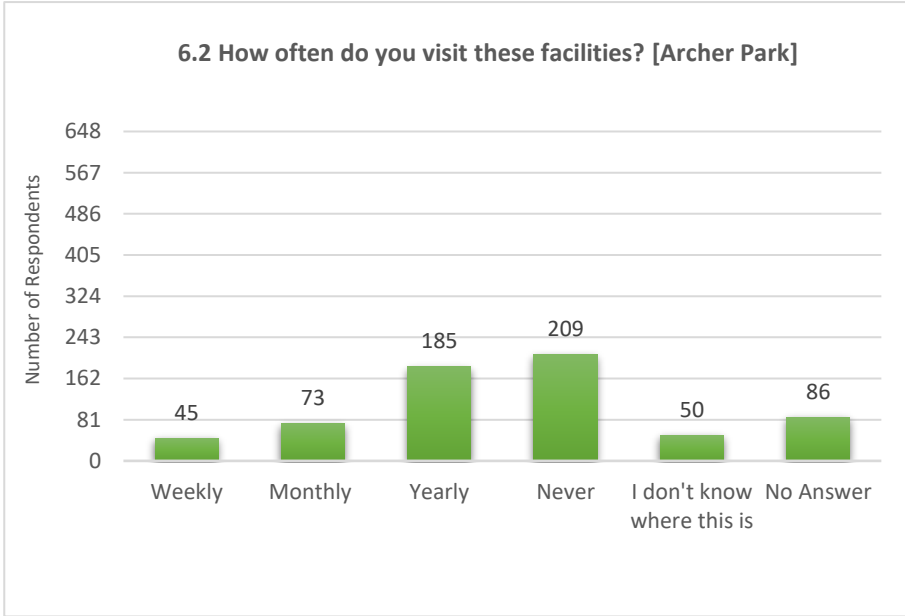
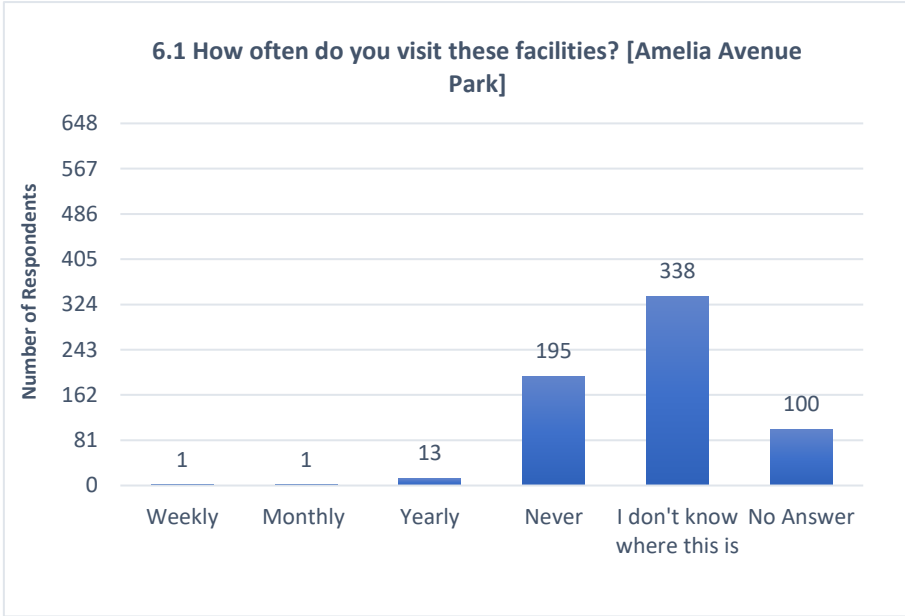




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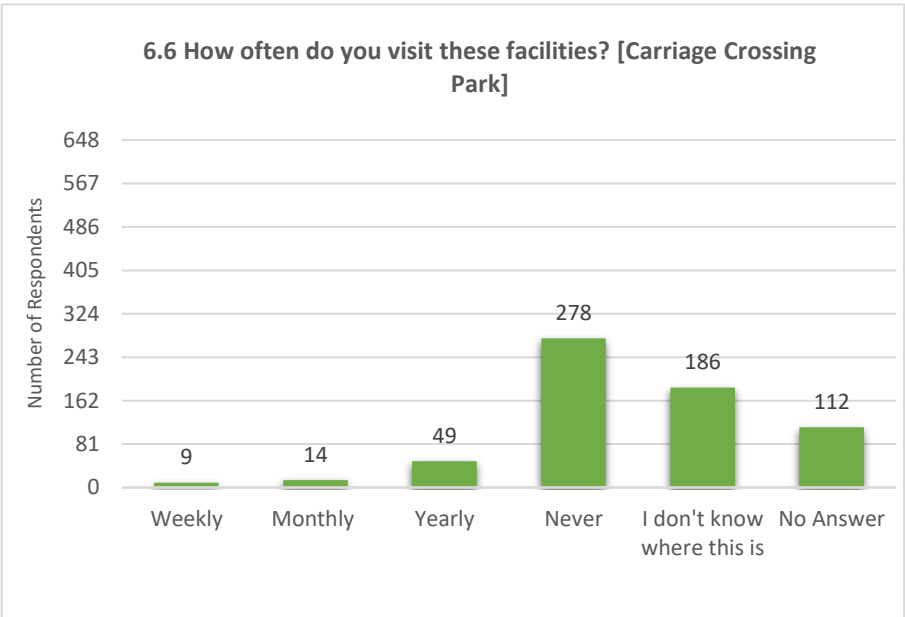
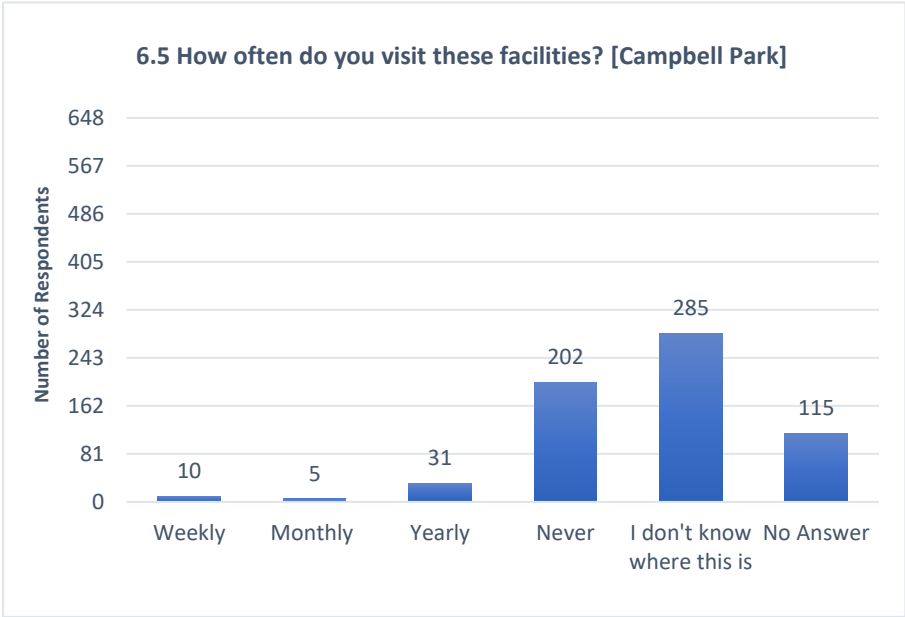
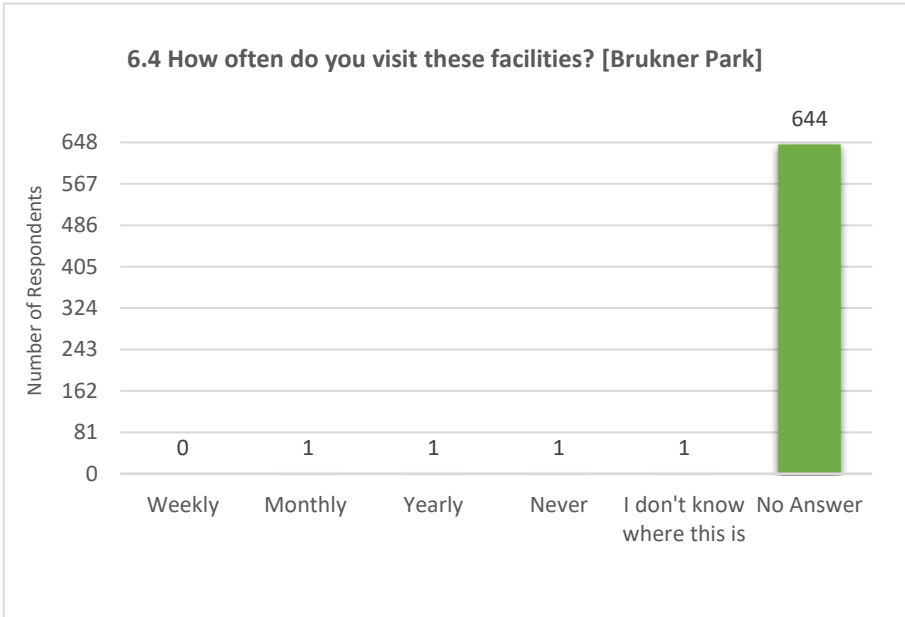


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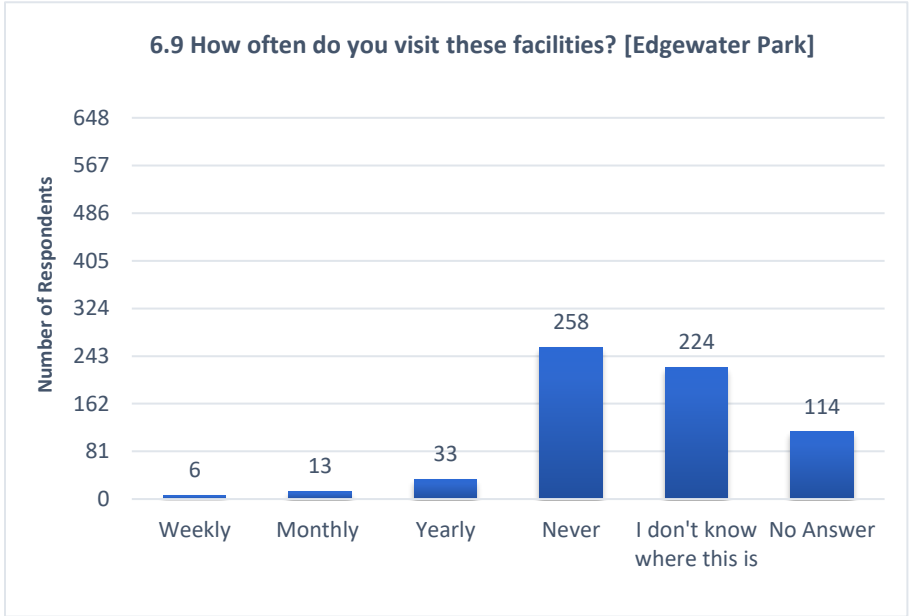
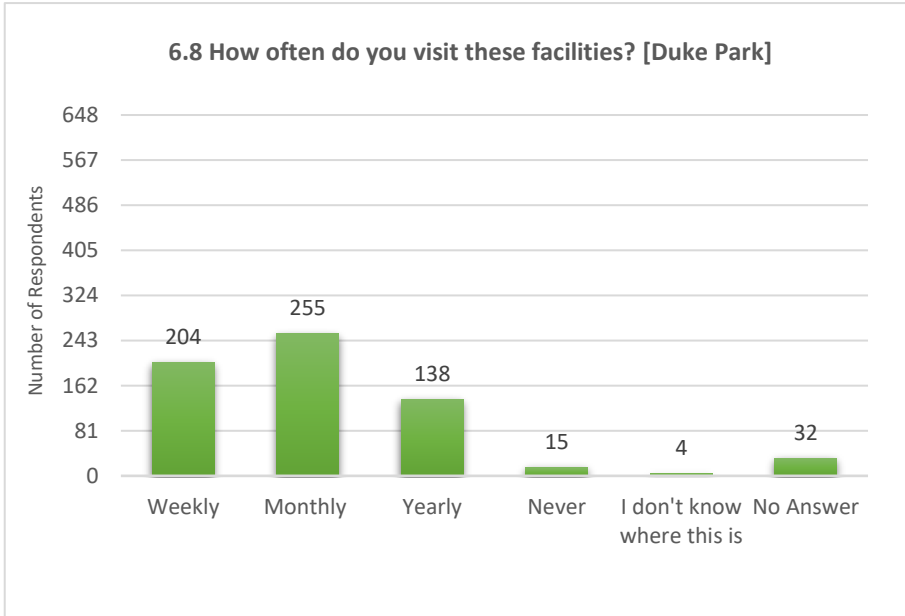
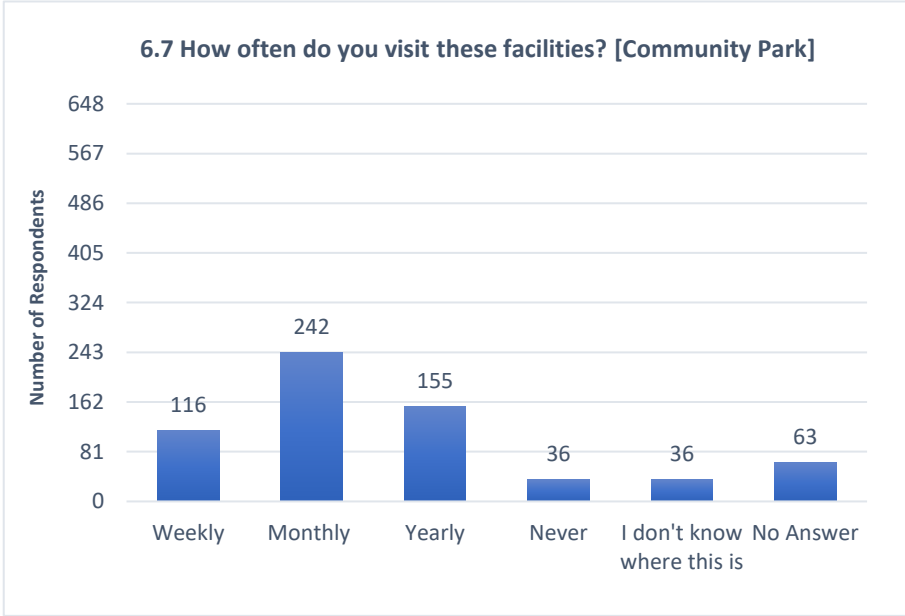




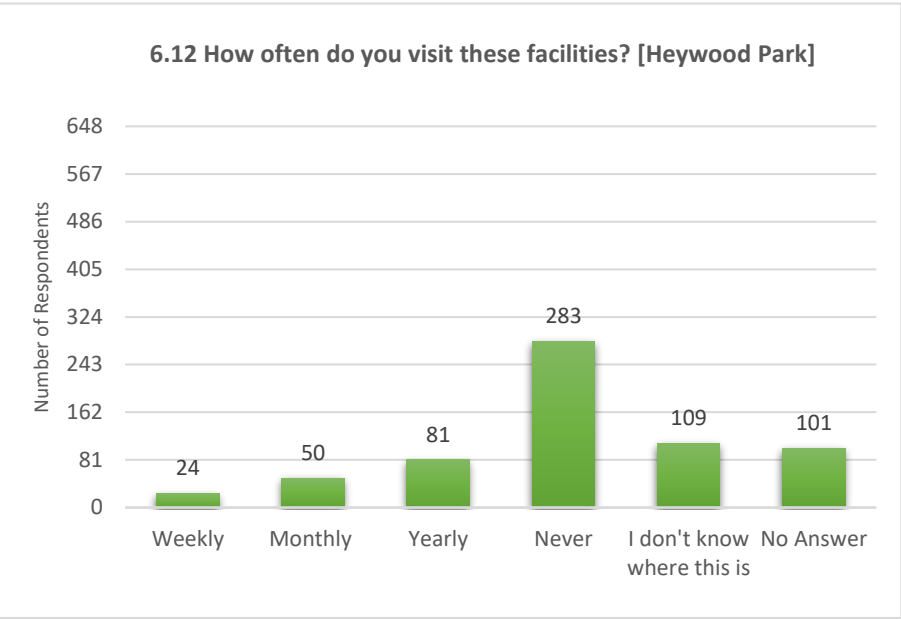
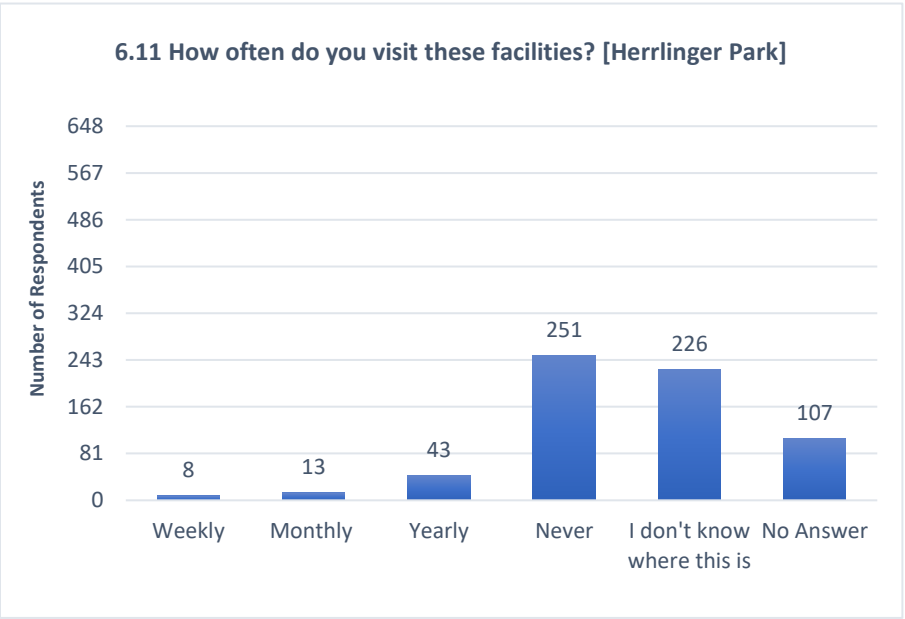
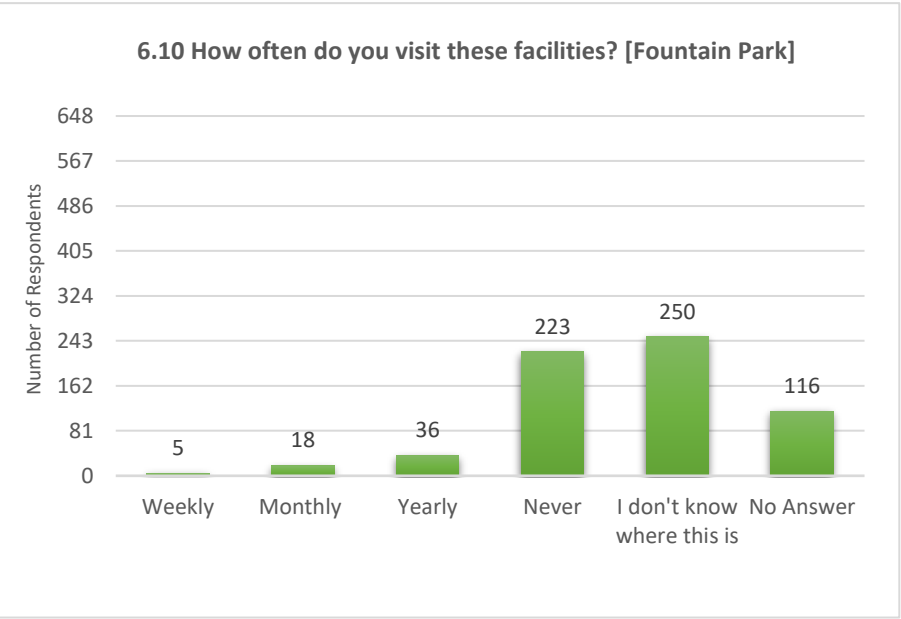
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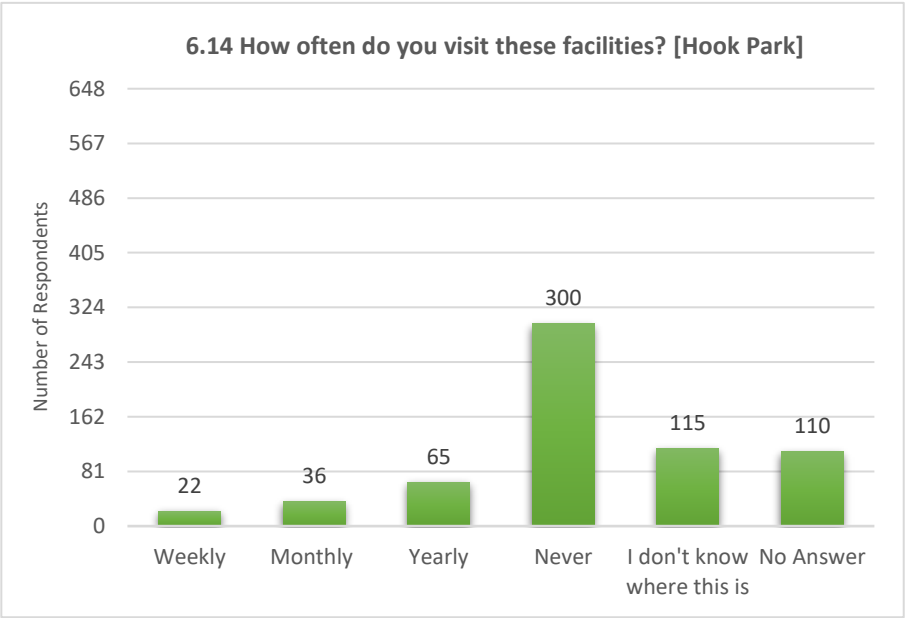
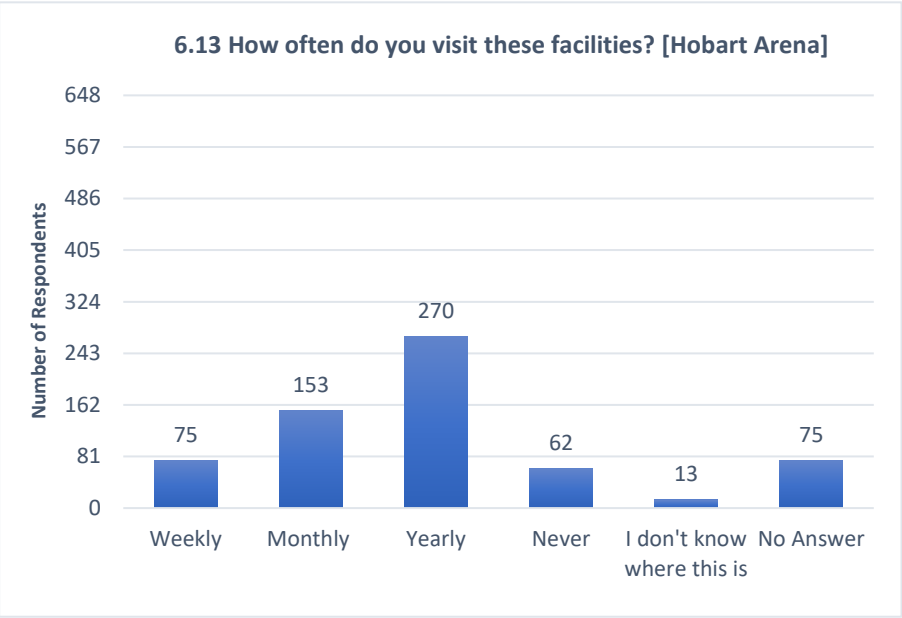


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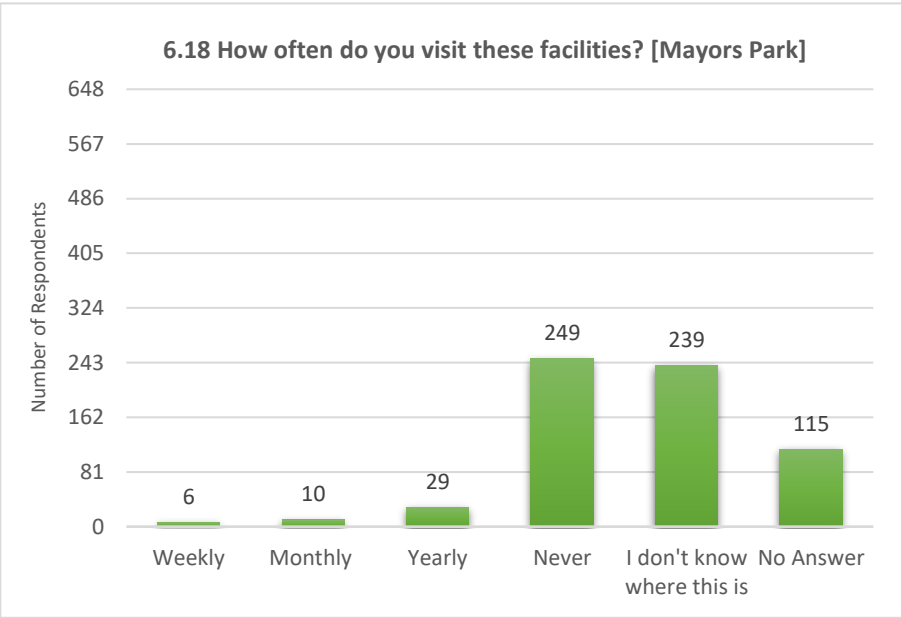
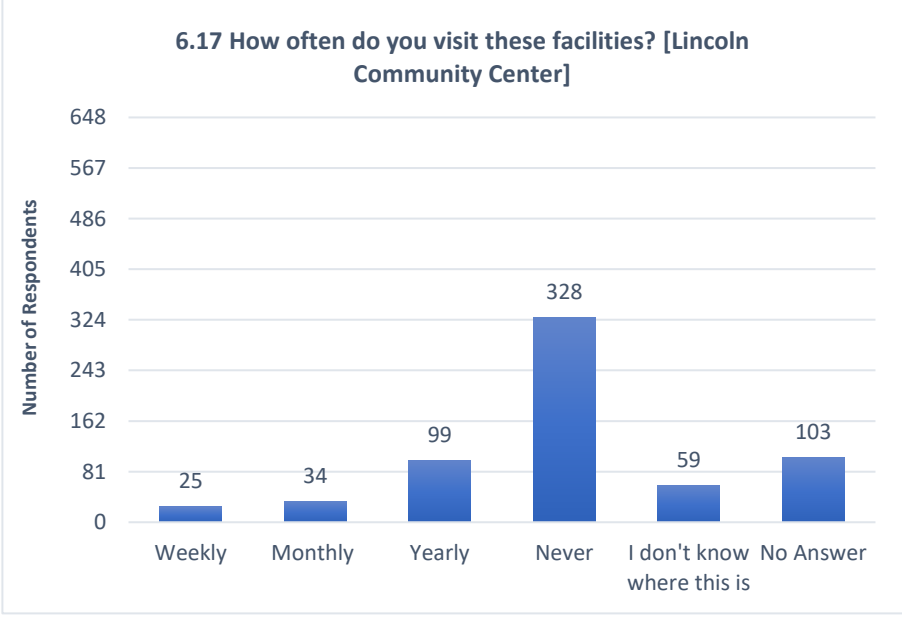
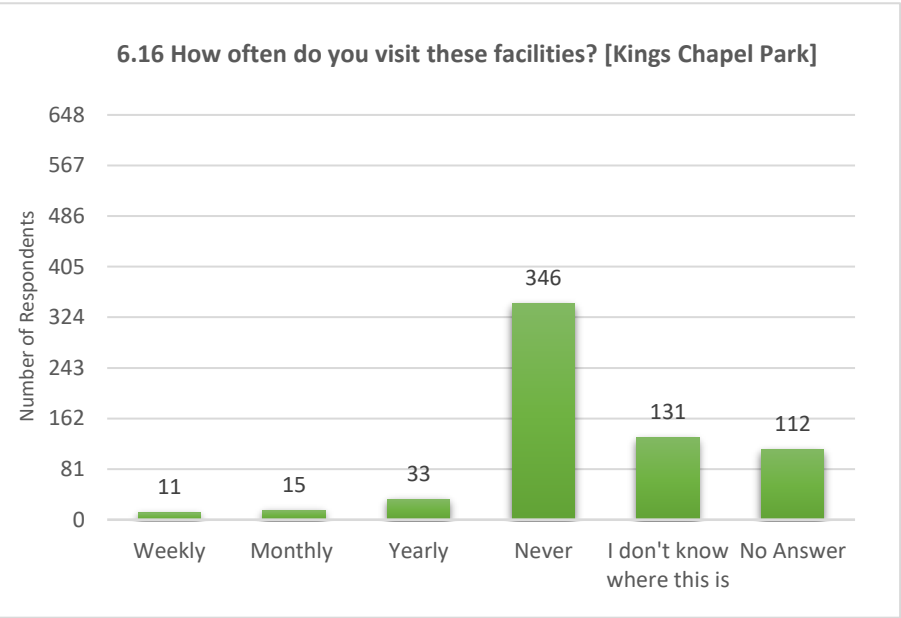




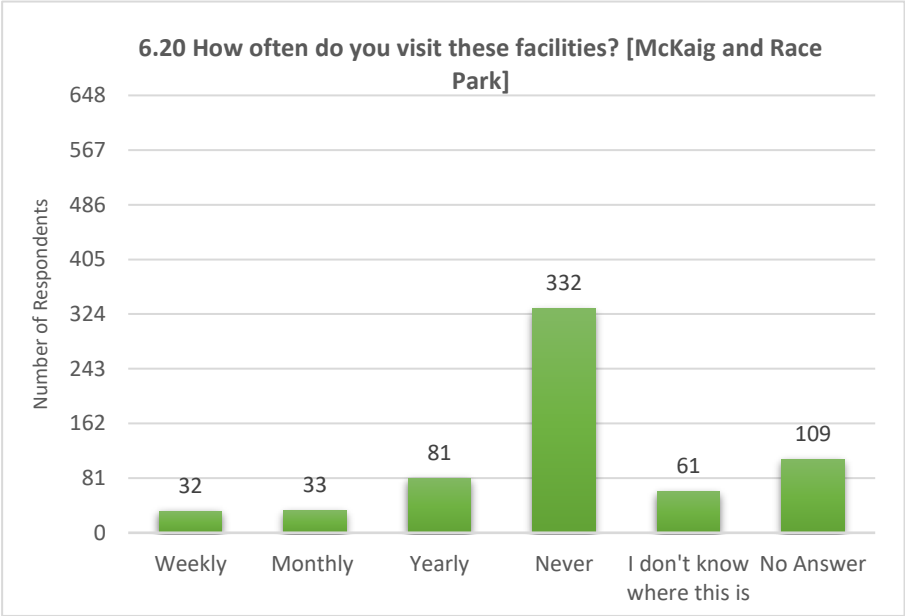
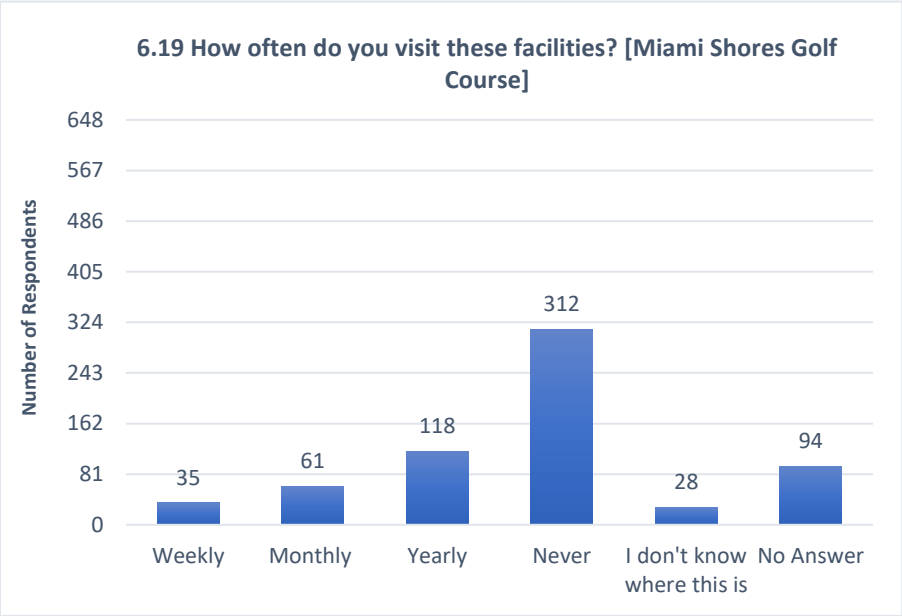
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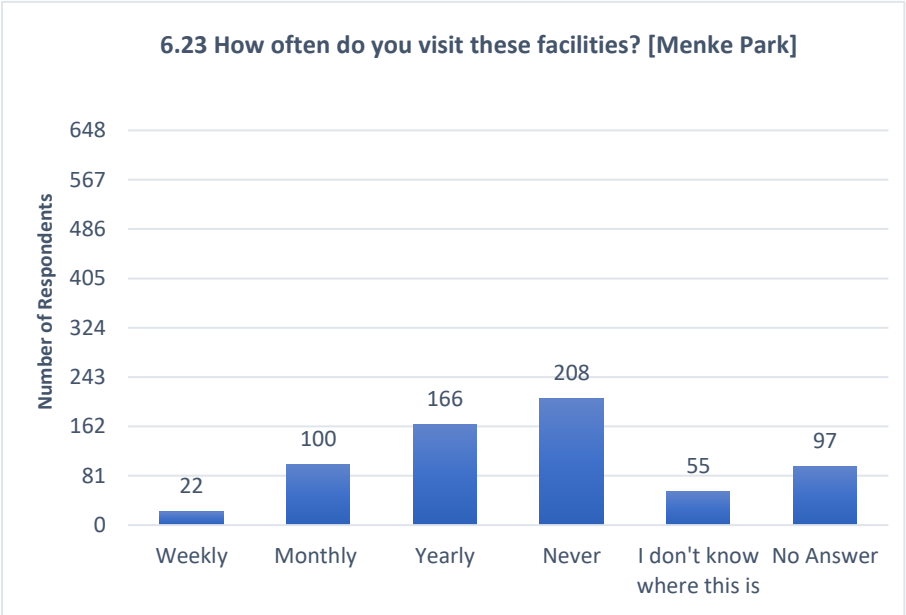
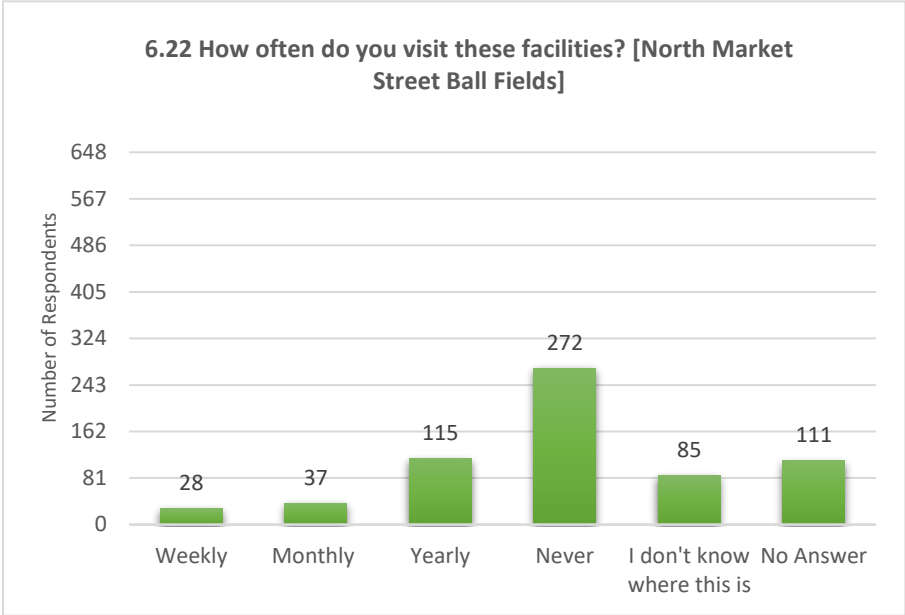


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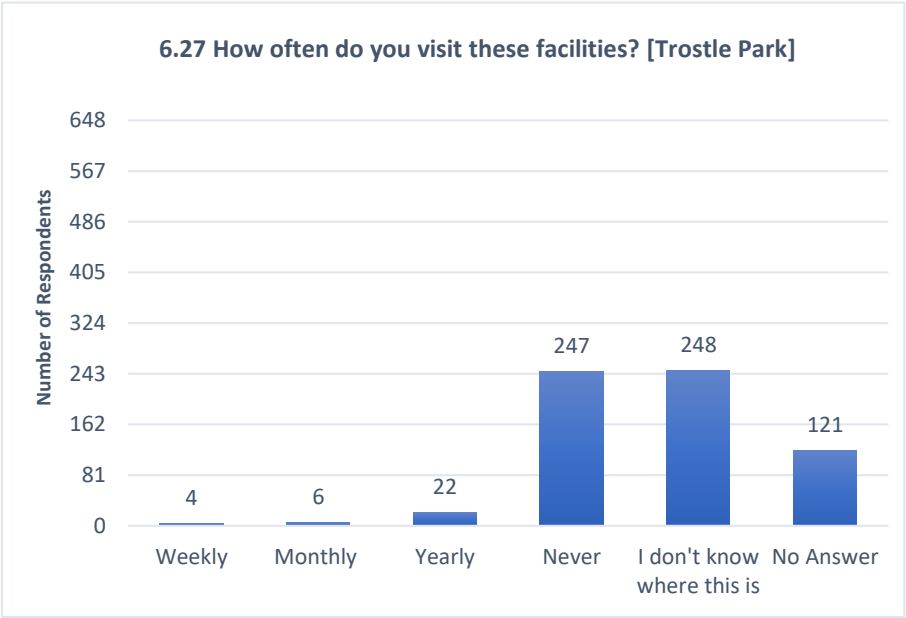
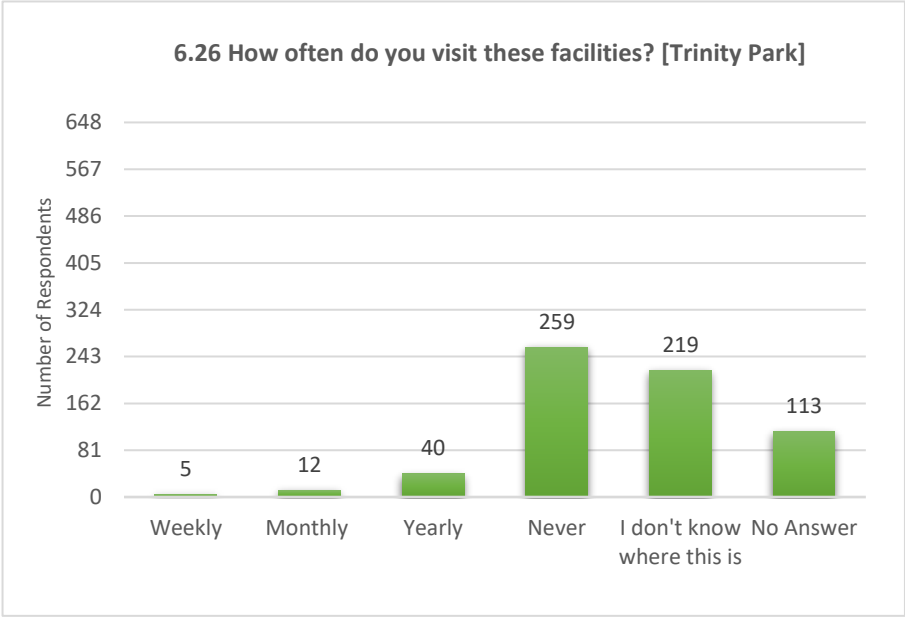
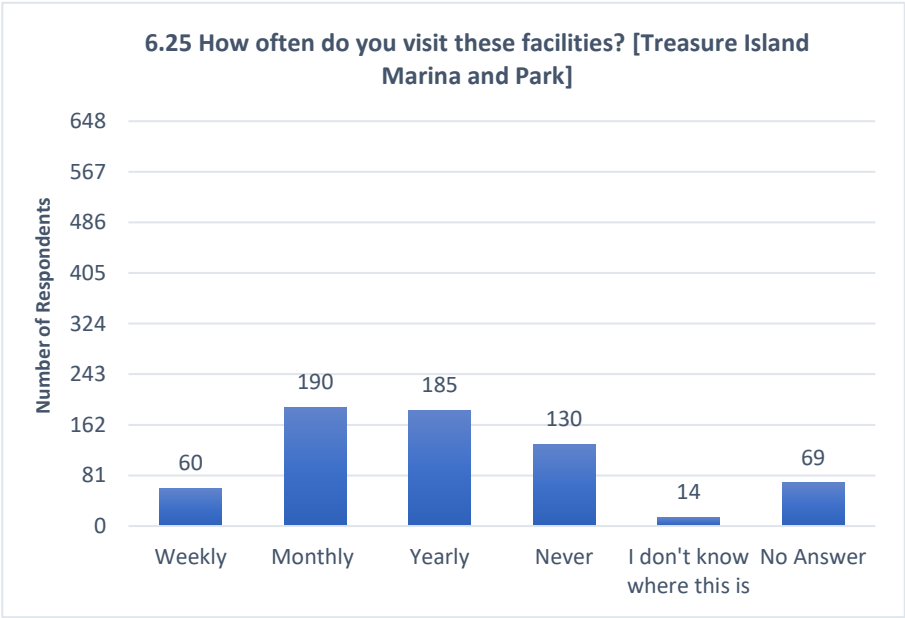




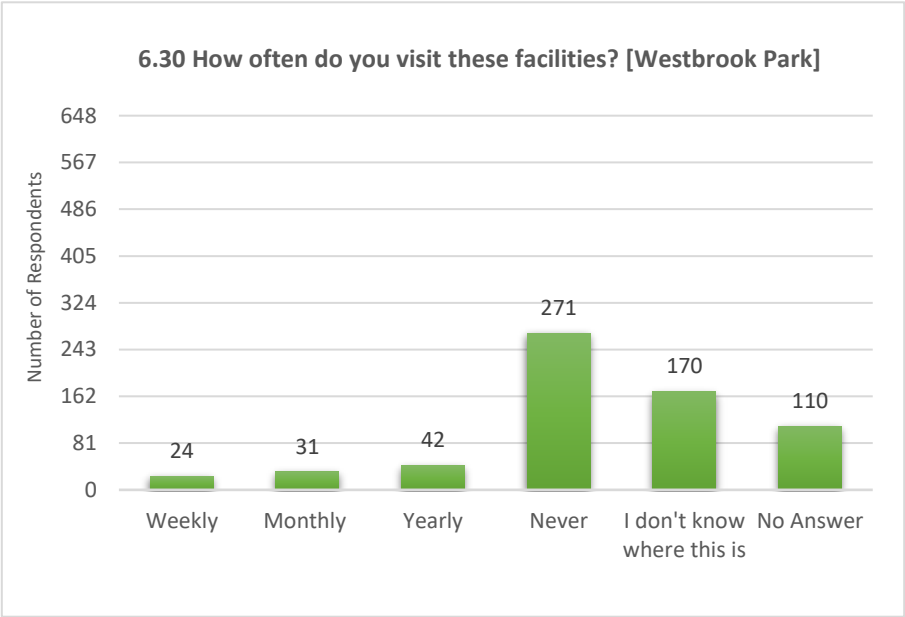
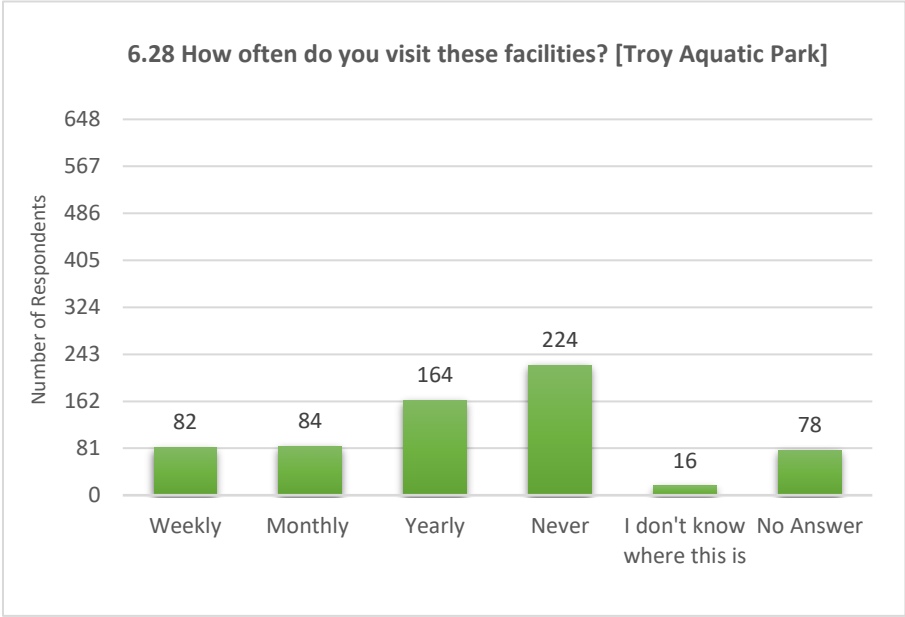
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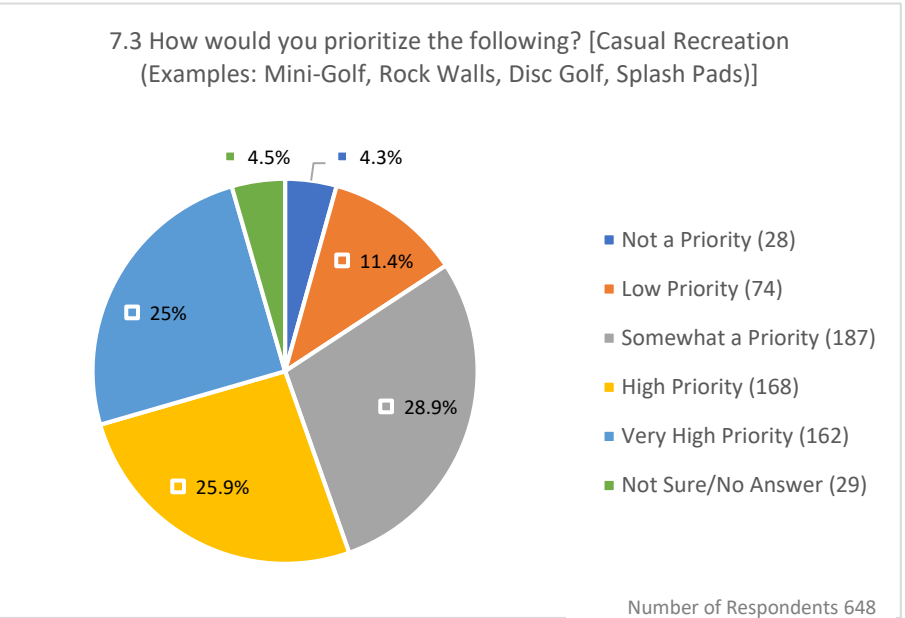
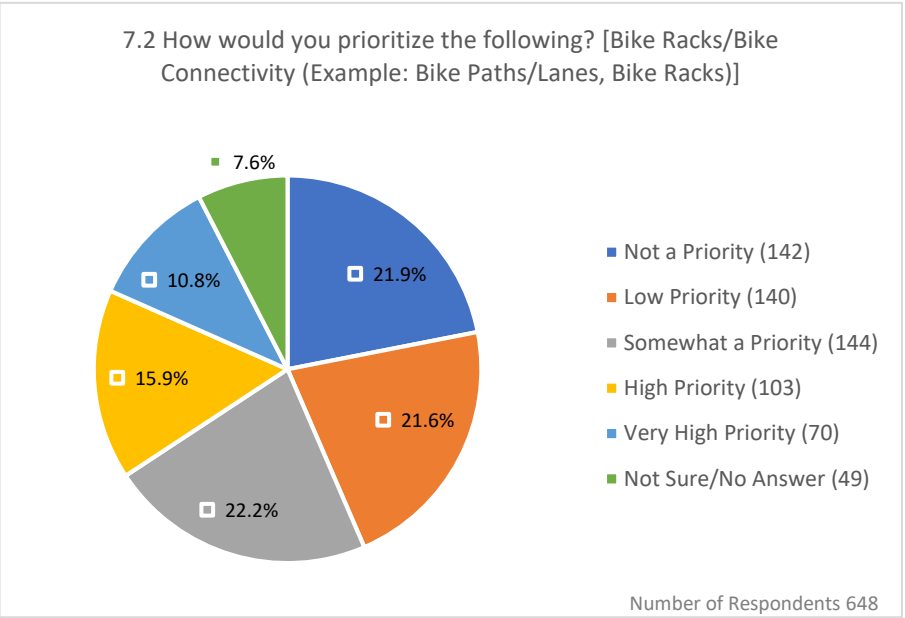
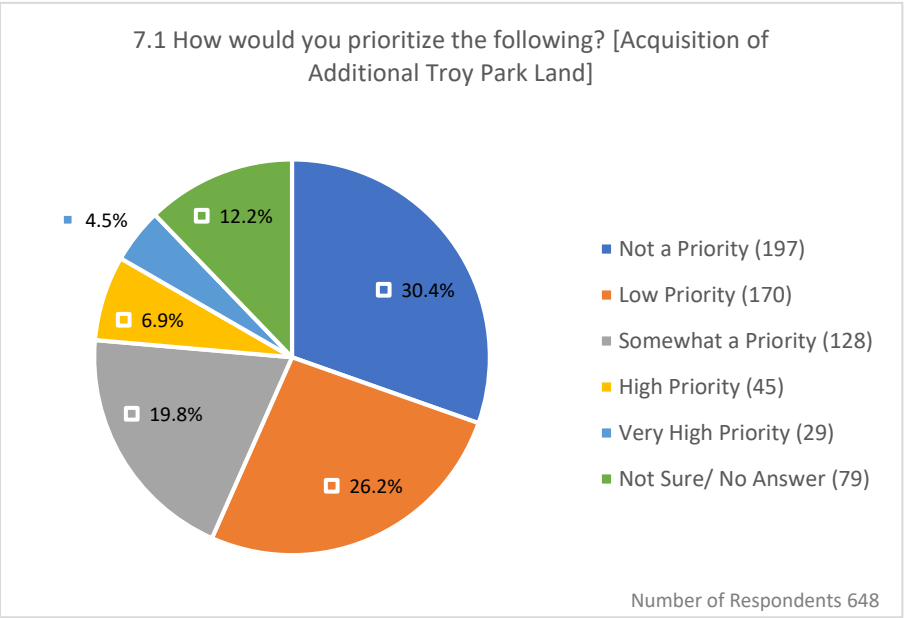


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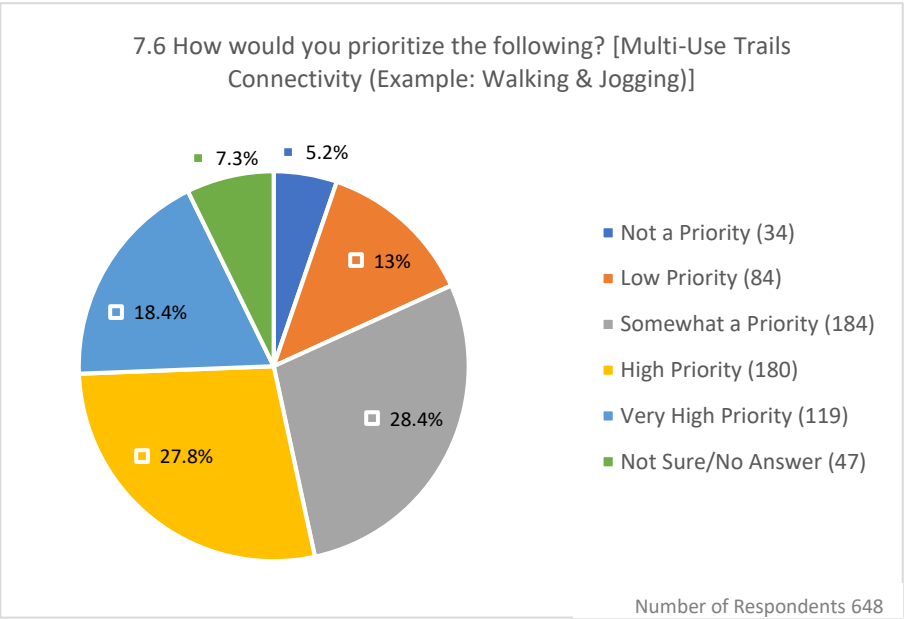
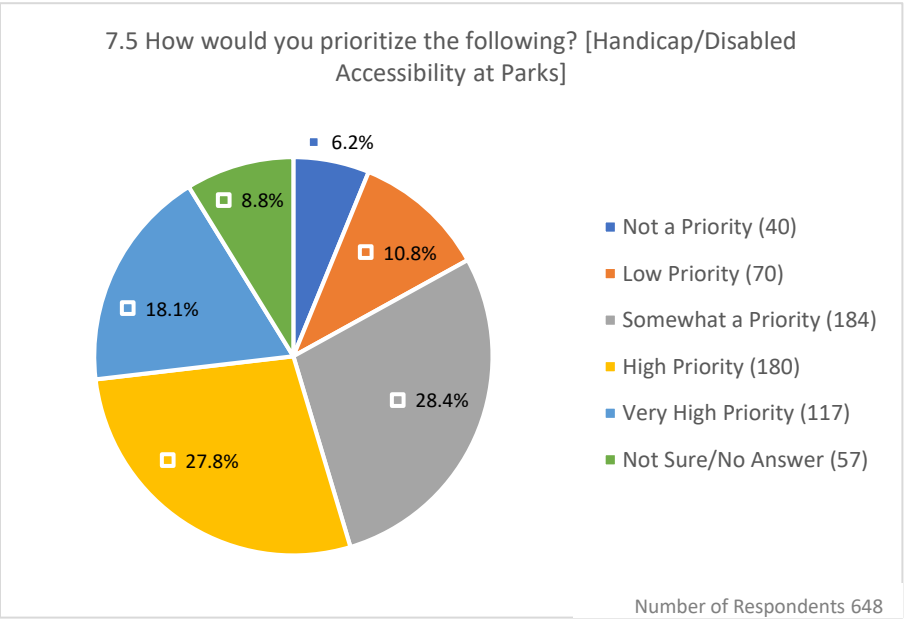
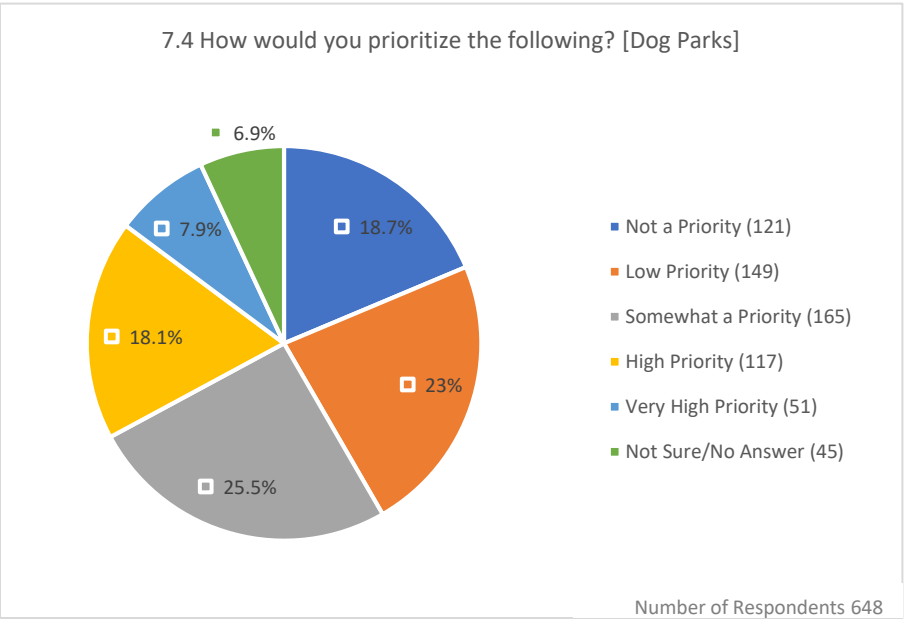




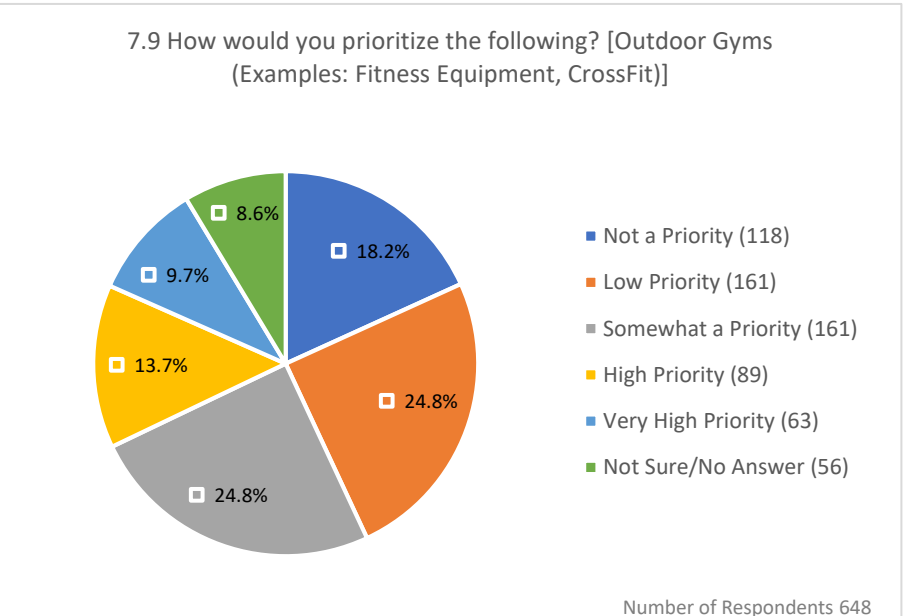
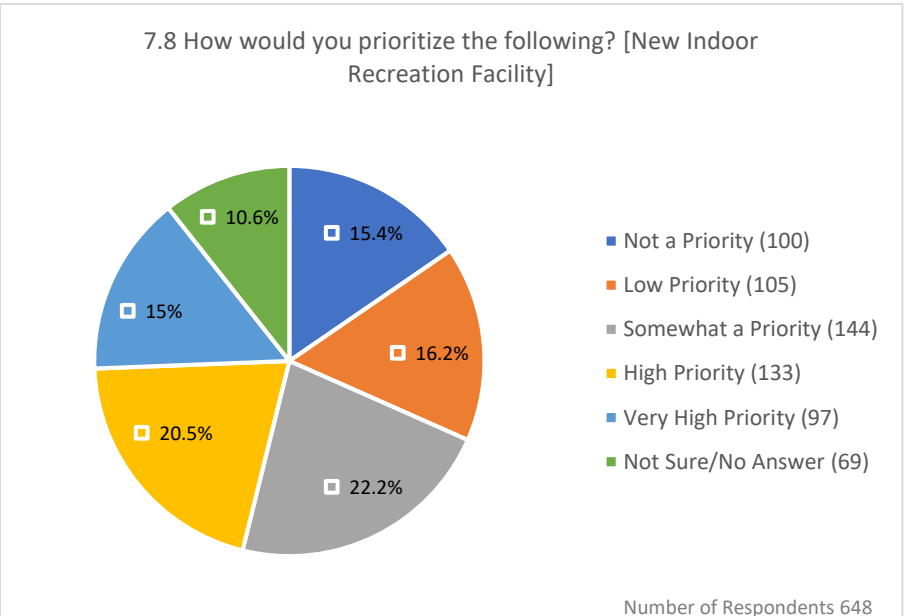
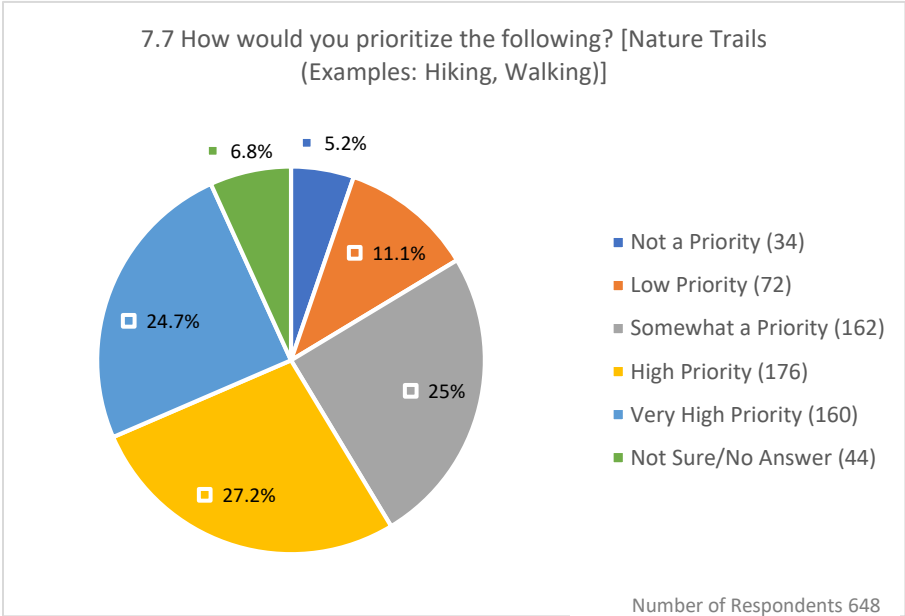
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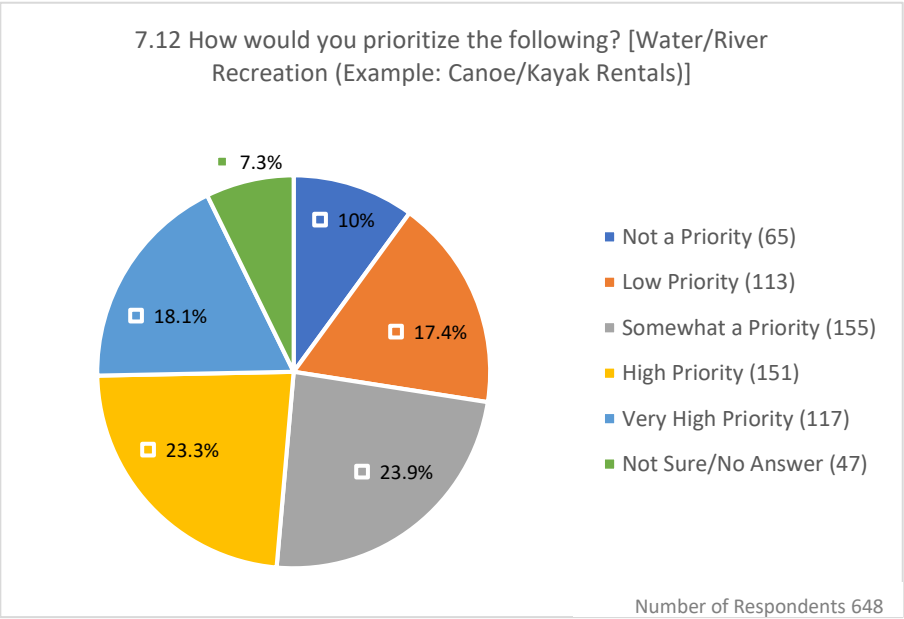
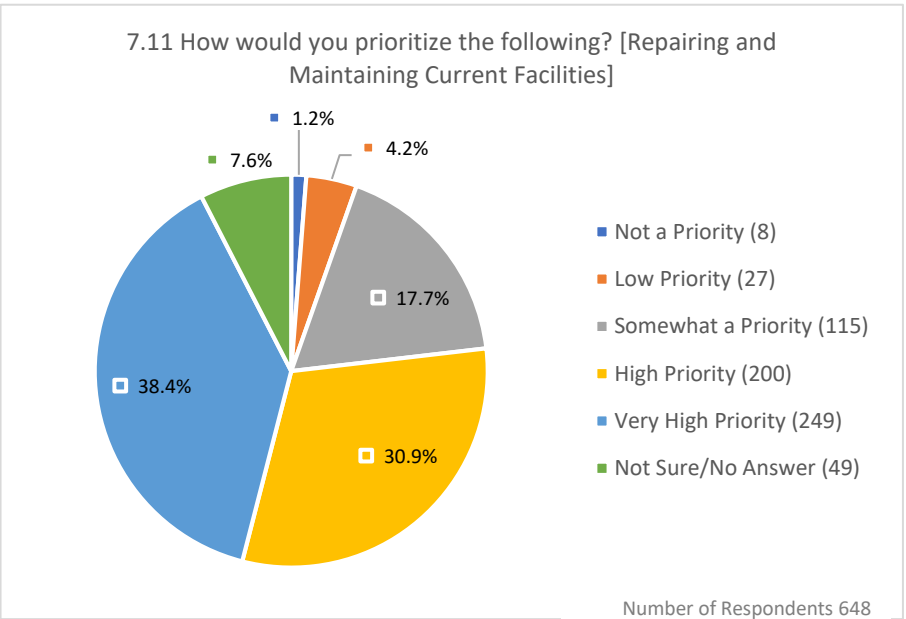
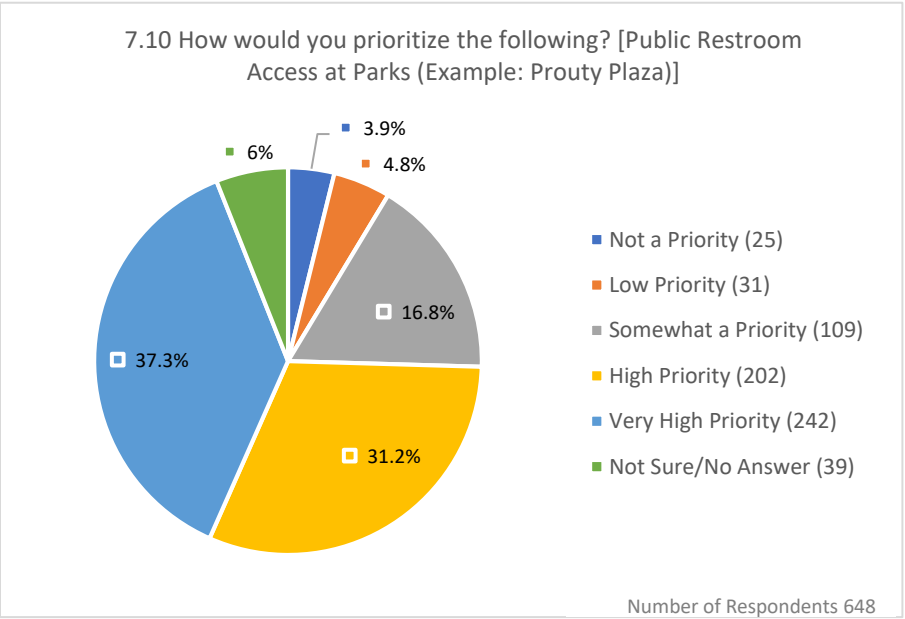


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#	Responses
1	Downtown and surrounding area beautification with flowers and shrubs.
2	New indoor recreation facility.
3	Basketball court could use some work.
4	More places to sit.
5	New playground equipment, adaptive equipment, splash pad for water play.
6	Updating playgrounds and a splash pad is what makes young families want to live here and Troy's are outdated at best. Aquatic Center is nice but have to pay to get in. We need more free water activities.
7	Community gardens.
8	Take a trip to Elizabethtown KY and check out their sports complex. We need something like that in Troy.
9	I've always wished there were somewhere in hot or cold weather to sit inside and eat lunch. In big cities they have indoor courtyards sometimes with stores or other things but you don't have to buy there to sit and eat there.
10	Better utilization of McKaig and Race....Grill next to gazebo.... playground equipment etc.
11	Access to parks for all citizens, regardless of income is a priority. Troy is a great community but I see that our more disadvantaged citizens still often have less access. A splash pad would be great, as many family's w/ children cannot afford the pool or Y, or have transportation to get there > but please make it accessible to everyone, not just in an area where people who already have access to parks can go. Summer "fun park passes" on public transportation to encourage access for those without vehicles would be helpful as well, kids at home with no access to the parks won't use them.
12	Another ice surface at Hobart Arena.
13	Additional and well-maintained soccer fields and additional ice rink.
14	Providing updates and repairs to playground equipment and surfaces. Programming for those parks would also be beneficial.
15	Individual runs for dogs who aren't socially inept but still need a place to exercise.
16	Nature trails similar to the park off Dorset. The Hobart preserves.
17	Baseball complex.
18	Splash pad.
19	Improve safety at McKaig and Race Park.
20	Better access for cyclist to downtown.

#	Responses
21	No more spraying of chemicals at parks or war I got signs of when so kids are not present.
22	Splash pad.
23	Tennis courts! Very disappointed at the loss of tennis at duke park. The older pickleball court is never used and they only use the new court. The change was not needed. Tennis courts at community park are always full now. Very large inconvenience. Also, I would like to see more bike racks, but I do not want to see more bike lanes. This is coming from a cyclist. I have enough access and do not need to inconvenience an someone disrupt traffic patterns. Existing bike lanes are not used by myself nor other cyclists. Please listen to constituents and quit with the bike lanes. Thank you!
24	Second sheet of ice at Hobart arena very high priority.
25	Baby changing stations in all the rest rooms.
26	Archery range.
27	A park bench near the playground at Archer Park (similar to the setup at Duke Park). A place for parents to sit while kids play. Also, the basketball hoop is pathetic at Archer Park.
28	We need an additional sheet of ice for Troy Bruins Hockey.
29	Trash and Recycle receptacles throughout the park (Duke has 1 for the entire walking trail) It would be nice if there was a trash can at every park bench along the trail. Also increase the number of park benches along the trail. The entire block around the soccer fields on the south side doesn't have a single bench.
30	Trash removal.
31	More baseball fields.
32	I would like to see that someone regularly checks on all the parks. Herrlinger is close to us but it is such a dump I won't allow my kids to play there.
33	Baseball fields for the kids and enough for Troy to host tournaments.
34	The condition and state of baseball fields sub-par compared to other fields we visit in other communities. It is also hard to find fields to practice on during baseball/ softball season. Mercer field (not run by city) is nice.
35	I am a bike rider but the bike lanes are a mistake. They are the worst spot to ride. Go back to normal traffic patterns and let the bikers ride by the Ohio Law and use the awesome recreational trails.
36	Events and entertainment.

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37	More things for the kids to get into in the summer like a splash pad at the park would be very nice. We have to drive all the way to Englewood park or the Huber Heights Park for a splash pad.
38	Would love to see a children's interactive park like Wegerzyns.
39	It was listed; however, I'd love to see a splash pad.
40	Better and more so soccer and softball.
41	I don't know the name of the park on Union street but it needs some serious attention.
42	Splash pad.
43	Restrooms need to be available sun up to sundown. We went to duke park last year in October on a beautiful 70 degrees day at 1:00 pm. The restrooms were already closed. I called the city to complain and was told they were closed early in the off season.
44	Repairing bike path flaws.
45	Put some shuffleboard courts and maybe some volleyball courts.
46	We need a rec baseball complex that doesn't flood and that doesn't smell like a sewer. It's sad when the Golf course that no one ever want plays at gets money and the kids rec programs are nonexistent and have no funding for repairs or upgrades.
47	This question doesn't make sense.
48	Shade for the small child play equipment at Community & Duke Parks. The equipment gets too hot for small children to play on.
49	Drinking fountains.
50	Splash pad for kids.
51	Move baseball fields over to duke, add more soccer fields, parking, and restrooms.
52	I went out to Duke park to watch my grandson in the Strawberry fest soccer tourney. There was no parking, they were not letting anyone else in. I had to go home without seeing him play. This is wrong. If they are going to have such activities, they need to assure adequate parking. If lots need to be enlarged, so be it. There was parking across the street, & at the other end of the park, but as a senior citizen with knee issues, I couldn't walk that far.
53	Updated equipment.
54	Map to find parks.
55	Water and Natural Play areas for young children.

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56	Make Troy Pool safer! It is not large enough to safely accommodate the folks who wish to attend. On a hot summer day, you can go to the pool to stand!!! The guards have to go in so often, no one can move around and children are held under water on accident or jumped on! Needs a larger swimming area. We buy a pass to another community pool locally and would wish to buy one at the Troy pool if it were safer.
57	A second inference and exit at duke park and/or more parking on the south side. Terribly congested during soccer games. Especially strawberry festival tournament.
58	Facilities on the bike path like Hobart Arena should be open to the public to use the bathrooms when staff are present and events are not taking place. I went in (doors were unlocked) in an emergency needing to use the bathroom while running on the bike path and was told by the person in the front that Hobart was closed for cleaning. I was clearly in distress and asked again but was refused. I left. I'm sure the staff was using the facilities and don't think bathrooms should be closed to the public during cleaning of the facility.
59	More police checking on the parks.
60	not wasting public taxes on unnecessary things, that Troy is notorious for.
61	Lightning detectors at soccer/football fields due to summer & fall storms (lightning can strike up to 15 miles from a storm). Emergency first-aid kits at the parks. Get rid of the 'mulch' at the playgrounds...it hurts kids' feet even in shoes/sandals & can get splinters in feet, as well as eyes if children fall face-down...a dumb idea for children play areas as it only 'looks good' but isn't conducive to real life activities. Folks hate it (have talked to many patents while at the playgrounds).
62	Huber Heights has a nice free ground water area and the greene. Treasure island needs random picnic tables and cook out grills, no one is ever there working the kayak area. Their needs to be a fulltime staff working the facility to upkeep and maintain a welcomed atmosphere.
63	Better troy junior baseball diamonds.
64	Bikeway from west troy, west of 75 to downtown.
65	Adding a second sheet of ice at Hobart.
66	Enclosed picnic shelters with screened walls.



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67	Off-leash dog paths or at least paths forbidden to cyclists.
68	Splash pad.
69	Regular maintenance of current facilities is a must (repair and clean playground equipment monthly).
70	It was listed, but I just want to reinforce that for a great city such as Troy, we are really behind on having a public splash pad! The community children would LOVE it! Also, I feel it is very important to make the parks Non-smoking. I go there to get fresh air and even at the playgrounds am overwhelmed with cigarette smoke and butts.
71	Dredging river.
72	Second sheet of ice at Hobart Arena.
73	More softball and baseball fields for our youth. What we have at the schools need to be further taken care of.
74	Please put in a splash pad that is free. My son is autistic and is terrified of pools and open water, but loves Splash pads.
75	Baseball fields.
76	A second sheet of ice at Hobart would make a huge financial impact on the community. It would allow for more team options and less sharing ice for the current teams. Tournaments would have families and teams visiting local restaurants and businesses. Even a minor team option since Hara closed when be huge!
77	Police patrol. Drug activity and destruction of property are a concern to me. We can't even go to Cookson playground anymore because young kids make gun threats, vandalize, and taunt other people there.
78	Stage at Prouty Plaza.
79	Brukner park should be a parking lot.
80	Acquisition for Conservation, just because it's not used doesn't mean it's not valuable.
81	Cigarette butt receptacles and NO SMOKING signs around playgrounds.
82	We have a decent river flowing thru the center of our town. We need to utilize it more. Make it more kayak, boat friendly and other water sports friendly.
83	Park on the North East side of town.
84	New equipment at current parks.
85	More dirt bike trails of variety and length for all user types.
86	New baseball fields that do not flood every year.
87	Youth recreation.

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88	I feel that Hobart Arena should expand the current ice rink to regulation size. I also feel that a second sheet of ice would prove beneficial to the city. I believe this is possible by allowing the skating and hockey programs to fully develop and having more competitions/tournaments would allow for more tax revenue to be collected through hotel tax and families spending money in Troy. I know this area is losing children to other programs so they can play in more competitive leagues. I also feel that the programs should be advertised at schools like football and baseball are. I feel that Hobart is a great facility but with the added ice surface the facility could be one of the best in SW and Central Ohio.
89	I would like more focus on the dog pants. You turned the trails behind the dog park at Duke Park into mountain bike trails and our god loved going behind there to swim. We would love a place to take our dog to swim.
90	Practice ice at Hobart Arena.
91	Softball fields very high priority.
92	More dirt trails for bikes.
93	Continue adding to the mountain bike trails. Open up behind riverside cemetery?
94	Upgrade the basketball courts at Troy Park. With new backboards and rims, plus lights for both courts. More benches around the courts as well. Duke park basketball court could use an upgrade as well.
95	More LIVE Music at Treasure Island. The first year it was every weekend during the summer which was nice for Prouty Plaza on Friday and Treasurer Island on Saturday. Now LIVE Music at Treasure Island is only a few times a summer.
96	New baseball complex to replace flooded fields.
97	More MTB Trails.
98	Although Duke has great parks for baseball/softball there are other organizations within Troy that are scrambling for places and decent fields for competitive games. Our current parks just need to be updated with fencing to allow for proper play and safety for fans. Ex parks would be Hook, Heywood and Archer. If the diamonds were well maintained it would be possible to have games or tournament play.
99	More care and maintenance at the cemeteries. Do not damage grave markers.
100	Baseball complex.
101	Expansion of mountain biking trails.
102	drinking fountain at every park.
103	Let people fish at treasure island... we have a lot of fishermen in troy wanting their handicap accessible fishing spot back.

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104	Splash pad
105	Patrolling the parks. I used to encounter bike police on the bike paths. I walk every day in the summer 4-8 miles and have yet to see one this summer.
106	Replacing playground equipment should be a high priority.
107	Splash pads.
108	Making park restrooms (both male & female) family friendly (changing tables) and year-round /all-weather play facility.
109	Splash Pad for children.
110	Splash pad.
111	Splash park.
112	Indoor facility.
113	Adding additional benches/seating.
114	Make sure you add FTE's as you add amenities so upkeep is reasonable. Do not add amenities that cannot be properly managed.
115	Public restrooms open all year (e.g. Duke Park).
116	The benches at Westbrook are low and decaying. They need to be replaced. Restrooms at the aquatic park need a deep cleaning.
117	Completion of driving range at Miami shores.
118	A botanical garden.
119	Miami Shores Design Modifications.
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121	Safety. Safety lights with panic buttons to contact 911/emergency services. We see these on university campuses all across the country. They should be accessible in our parks as well.
122	Lighting/Community Gardens.
123	Baseball fields.
124	Port a pottys at parks without run water.
125	Safety features such as emergency call buttons to local police (such as those on college campuses).
126	Safety-fear of letting children go to bathroom alone due to Drug activity.
127	Food and beverage availability at parks — food trucks.
128	Price for kids to participate in city activities to high.
129	Outdoor gyms would a huge improvement!!
130	Easy parking and quantity of parking spaces. Keep up with the shelters and the vandalism that occurs on them as well as on the playground.

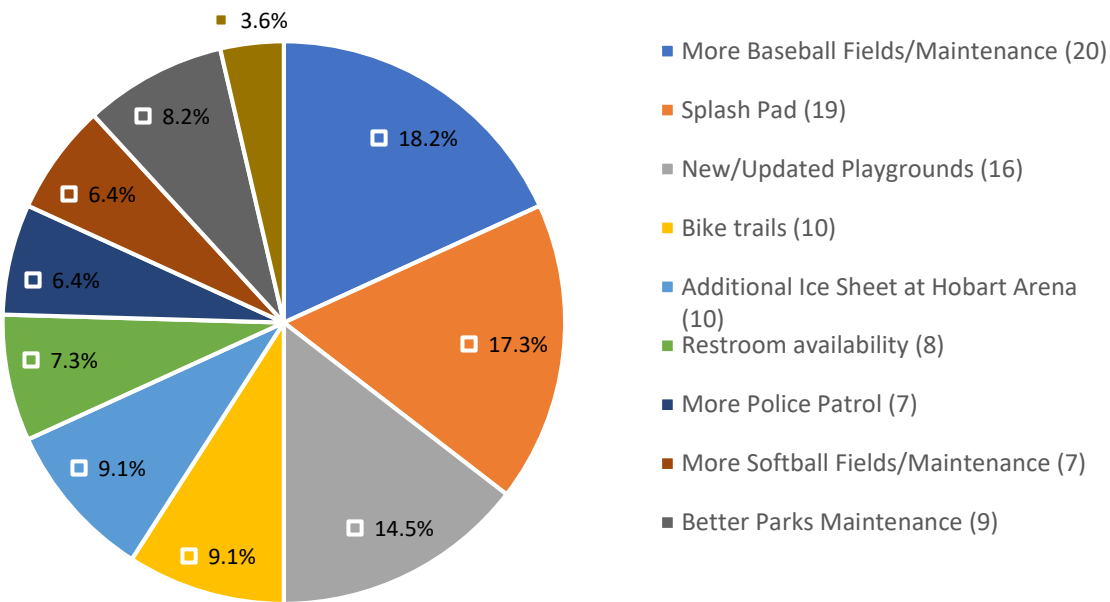
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131	It was listed briefly, but Splash Pads and Sensory Friendly playground equipment for children with autism/sensory processing disorder/other special needs would be a wonderful asset to the current park equipment.
132	Splash pad!
133	Connecting a bike path trail to the Merrimont subdivision. This is where we live. We can't bike into Troy without riding on dangerous roads or driving our bikes to town or the Miami River rec trail. I know this isn't just a Troy City issue, but lots of people live out here and are cut off from accessing Troy City recreational facilities unless we drive. Surely the city and county could work together on this.
134	Up keep of the brick house/picnic in the park
135	Replacing existing playground equipment such as at Trinity Park which has had the same equipment for at least 30 years. Many people use this park such as those who live nearby as well as children when attending sporting events in the field there.
136	Baseball fields at duke park for little league, it terrible we have 25 soccer fields that are serviceable all over town but only 2 are for baseball and those are for older boys, market St. and duke and duke is only for legion ball which only has 3 Troy kids on the team.
137	Keeping the parks clean and free of litter and safe.
138	Baggies and plastic gloves/wipes station for my fellow idiots who don't remember to bring own for pets' dung. Enforce the current rules on this.
139	Extension of Duke Park should have been started by now!
140	Connected walking trails.
141	Large outdoor events - city does a few (concert, biking) additional would be nice maybe something like arts & crafts, seasonal (Christmas), outdoor experience.
142	Family bathrooms for parents with children or for adults with disabilities that require supervision or assistance.
143	Swings are always beat up in every park. In summer perhaps set up cooling stations like misting fans or misting arches for kids and people to cool off at. Not like a shower, just a fine mist.
144	Need more wood chips in play area.
145	Areas around playground equipment filling holes around swing sets or play areas Park Bench being painted several park areas appear run down & need freshen up.
146	Connectivity to Miami Co. Park bike trails.
147	Updated play structures that are eco-friendly. The McKaig park doesn't even have a play structure yet there are a ton of kids in the neighborhood.

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148	New exercise stations at Duke park and other parks.
149	Bike trail access for the Meadow Point subdivision.
150	I think the duke park expansion should be a high priority.
151	Increased police presence.
152	Girls softball fields.
153	I love Troy parks. I think you are doing a great job with our parks, but I think we can do better. One thing I am concerned with is Treasure Island. I love to go to concerts there but accessing everything when it's roped off and also getting there you have to walk down a hill is awful. Why is it so complicated? Also, there is no parking! I have to park in the neighborhood across the street! Maybe we should purchase land over there for parking? Also, I am a walker/jogger. I even visit the cemetery. I am always concerned with my safety there and at all if the parks. I feel like I would have nowhere to go if it were just me and a creeper face to face. Maybe we could do something to make the parks and trails safer? It never fails that I always seem to meet a weirdo dude on the bike trails or in the cemetery. I don't like jogging by myself anymore :(
154	North Market St. Fields turfed for less maintenance both baseball and softball.
155	Baseball fields not at Knoop due to flooding.
156	Need Baseball/ softball fields for our junior baseball programs!!!!
157	Updating parks that have not been updated in many years, upkeep of mulch, weeds, equipment.
158	Baseball fields.
159	Volleyball courts.
160	More police presence. Too many drinking beers in parks and loitering.

8.2 Was anything that you would see as a high priority too that was not listed? Top 10 Answers



Number of Responses 109



Question 9

9.1 Are there any additional amenities/activities that you would like to see at Troy Parks that has not been listed? If so, which park or facility?

Number of Respondents: 648      Answered: 124

#	Responses
1	Duke Park and some basketball courts and more baseball/softball diamonds.
2	Splash pad.
3	Indoor soccer facility.
4	A place for yoga and offered more than just at lunch time. Have not seen some programming offered at Prouty plaza recently. Putt-Putt and kayaking would be great.
5	I would specifically love to see a small play area at the McKaig Race Park. A small area near the gazebo leaving the rest of the green space free.
6	More trees along the walking/biking route at Duke Park.
7	Fitness activities to complete while on the levee trail.
8	Lacrosse, more parking at Duke Park.
9	I've always wished there were somewhere in hot or cold weather to sit inside and eat lunch. In big cities they have indoor courtyards sometimes with stores or other things but you don't have to buy there to sit and eat there. Community probably makes the most sense, but maybe could be at Hobart Arena (staffed already, walkers, etc.).
10	Permanent restrooms at Prouty Plaza.
11	Splash pad.
12	Another ice surface at Hobart Arena.
13	More soccer fields at Duke Park, and better parking at Duke (South Side). Second Ice rink at Hobart.
14	Outdoor Roller-skating rink/roller hockey rink. Would be ideal for duke/community park and not to have to use tennis courts. More shaded playground equipment, as it is too hot in direct sunlight hours most summer days for kids to utilize. Bicycle rental (single and multiple rider) along bike trails for commute or leisure rides.
15	Baseball complex.
16	Splash pad.
17	Updated play equipment for the kids and some need play equipment like the McKaig park.
18	Splash pad.

#	Responses
19	Mini golf!!!
20	More disc golf please!
21	There used to be a "fitness" run along the levy with various stop points for quick exercises at jogging/walking stops. It was fun, and great exercise. Where did it go?
22	Trees or a shelter or two at Campbell park. There is no shade.
23	Dog drinking fountains at more locations.
24	It was mentioned briefly, but I think a splash pad would be EXCELLENT! The idea of taking my three children (5 and under) to the pool by myself (when my husband is working) is too stressful--I don't feel I could watch them all safely in deeper water. But a splash pad is fun, enjoyable, and safe even for very young children.
25	A splash pad would be really nice to have at any of the parks. Also, an indoor park for all ages would be nice to have for bad weather or winter months.
26	Miniature golf at Miami Shores.
27	Really enjoy Duke, but it feels too open. Maybe, just some trees planted along the recreational trail would be nice.
28	I would enjoy an off-leash park. The Dog Park at Duke is a nice facility for the dogs, however I would like to also walk along and get my workout in as well. The bike paths are excellent for the cyclists, but even with a dog on a leash some of the bikers don't let you know they are coming up on you until they are on top of you already. A separated paved path way for non-cyclists would be ideal. Something that I think the recently purchased land next to Duke Park would be great for. Keep it disconnected from the Bike Path in Duke.
29	Duke park.
30	I would love to see more activities at different parks. I love how the county parks have different activities and classes that rotate around.
31	Better signage on bike path.
32	Duke - baseball fields.
33	More soccer and baseball fields.
34	Splash pads.
35	Archery.
36	Splash pads.

**9.1 Are there any additional amenities/activities that you would like to see at Troy Parks that has not been listed? If so, which park or facility?**

Number of Respondents: 648    Answered: 140

#	Responses
37	More historical facts listed about the parks and why it was made into a park. Interesting fact as to past people who busted or events the park was used for.
38	Connect Duke Park and Treasure Island.
39	The aquatic park should open earlier in May & not close until the end of September, based on actual weather, not using Memorial Day & Labor Day as the start/stop weekends.
40	more stops along all the bike paths- benches, shade and water.
41	It would be great to have space for a community garden.
42	Splash pad.
43	A splash pad would be amazing to see at Duke park. With 4 kids all ranging in different ages it's too stressful to keep an eye on them all at the water park. We love splash pads!
44	New sheet of ice/indoor soccer field.
45	Better rec programs for girls and younger children. Sidney has an amazing rec soccer and softball program. My daughter and 4-year-old son are very limited in what sports they are able to play. We don't want to shell out the prices for the YMCA programs, and also are not fans of Troy Jr. baseball.
46	I would like to see Troy Parks have more resources for young children and families. Our parks are sorely lacking in the areas of modern playground equipment, (i.e. Duke Parks toddler area is very outdated, faded, and dirty). I would also like to see water play areas. The Troy area has nothing to offer when compared to cities near and South of Dayton when it comes to outdoor play places for young children.
47	Bathroom at Hobart park. If Bike/walking trails could be developed on the downtown side I feel the would get a lot of use. Especially with the hospital going up.
48	Concessions like we had in the 60's and 70's at the major parks.
49	Indoor park playground for winter so kids can still get out and play w/out freezing...oh...and changing tables in all (men and women's) bathrooms.
50	It was listed, but I wanted to emphasize that a splash pad would be appreciated.

#	Responses
51	More things added to treasure island. Lift the no swimming rule and add a sanded play area. Have a parks worker work their full time.
52	Water misters to cool off and bring back concession stands at all parks.
53	Splash pad would be nice.
54	Need access to walking path on east end of town. Bridge access east of railroad and before city limits would encourage use & access parks on path.
55	Hobart - second sheet of ice.
56	Enclosed picnic shelters with screened walls.
57	It's mentioned above, but splash pads for kids! Numerous parks in Dayton have them. Also, a re-commitment to neighborhood parks. We live near Archer park. There are a ton of kids in our neighborhood. However, the park is not very utilized. It needs some shade trees planted and some more equipment. The equipment is too big for my 2-year-old. More play spaces for children 3 and under. see Orchardly Park in Oakwood, Children's Discovery Garden at Wegerzyn Gardens in Dayton, etc. I wish the city would invest in more updated outdoor equipment for children instead of all the bike paths.
58	More trash cans at Duke Park.
59	A playground at McKaig and Race park!
60	Take better care of north market street baseball fields/stands. Uncontrollable amount of weeds all season long. Embarrassing.
61	Disc Golf.
62	It would be really nice to have a paved path between the Sherwood/Nottingham neighborhood and Archer Park, from Governor's, where the sign is. While we can walk across the field, or go down Shaftsbury to the main entrance on Adams, a paved path for walking or biking would be really nice.
63	More indoor basketball opportunities for youth during the winter.
64	A place to play inline hockey. We have played om the tennis courts before but that was frowned on. The surface is great for not destroying wheels, it is smooth, and the fenced in area makes it ideal.
65	Splash area for kids at city park by Hobart Arena.

**9.1 Are there any additional amenities/activities that you would like to see at Troy Parks that has not been listed? If so, which park or facility?**

Number of Respondents: 648    Answered: 140

#	Responses
66	Better dog park at Duke Park.
67	More natural space, not mowed, with native plants and wildlife.
68	A splash pad!!
69	More places to get drinking water.
70	Trees or shade at Duke park playground.
71	A splashpad with free admission. We travel to Kettering with small children to take advantage of the one at Pollen Farm.
72	Need more Mountain bike trail.
73	More activities directed towards younger kids.
74	A second sheet of ice at Hobart and the original surface expanded to regulation size.
75	Indoor dog park turning the winter.
76	Stop wasting tax payer money.
77	Horseshoe.
78	Treasure island accessibility for fishing (no weeds on bank).
79	A system of Hiking Trails would be perfect in the wooded area behind the Troy Cemetery now that the mountain bike facility has secured the area at Duke Park. This is a very scenic and beautiful piece of land that is not being utilized for anything.
80	Special Needs baseball field.
81	Kayak storage lockers for seasonal rent at Treasure Island.
82	Shaded areas in several of the smaller parks.
83	Splash pads.
84	Keep the restrooms at parks open year-round. If not, provide a portable restroom for use during the cooler months, especially at Duke park for the runners and walkers.
85	splash pads
86	All the parks need to get rid of the wood mulch chips where little kids are and spend some of those high dollars funding on good rubber ground cover so kids aren't getting splinters.

#	Responses
87	Please, please, please consider adding a free splash pad for community kids! We drive to other cities just for the free splash pad, as we are on a tight recreation budget and cannot afford the pool more than 1-2x/yr.
88	Splash pad for kids.
89	We would love a splash pad for kids installed at one of the main parks.
90	Splash pad.
91	Splash pad.
92	City park or Duke.
93	See above.
94	Splash pad.
95	A splash park (yeah, yeah-- "splash pad" was listed-- we're just emphasizing). Some trees at Duke Park would be nice, too.
96	Living on the West side of I-75 we would like to see a safe bike path connecting our area the bike trail.
97	A botanical garden.
98	Community Garden, Play Structure, Splash Pad, Restroom, Electricity at McKaig and Race Park.
99	I would like to see more of the trails and paths have distance markers (such as those at Duke Park).
100	Walking path from Nottingham subdivision to/around Archer Park.
101	Outdoor food and drink options like Summit park in Blue Ash.
102	Natural surface running/walking trails.
103	Do not see a need for any more baseball or softball fields. Let Little League handle it! no need for bike lanes —even the current ones. Feel like Titterington is the only one using them and just doing what he wants for himself!!!!
104	Splash pad again!
105	Updated interactive activities.
106	Splash pads.



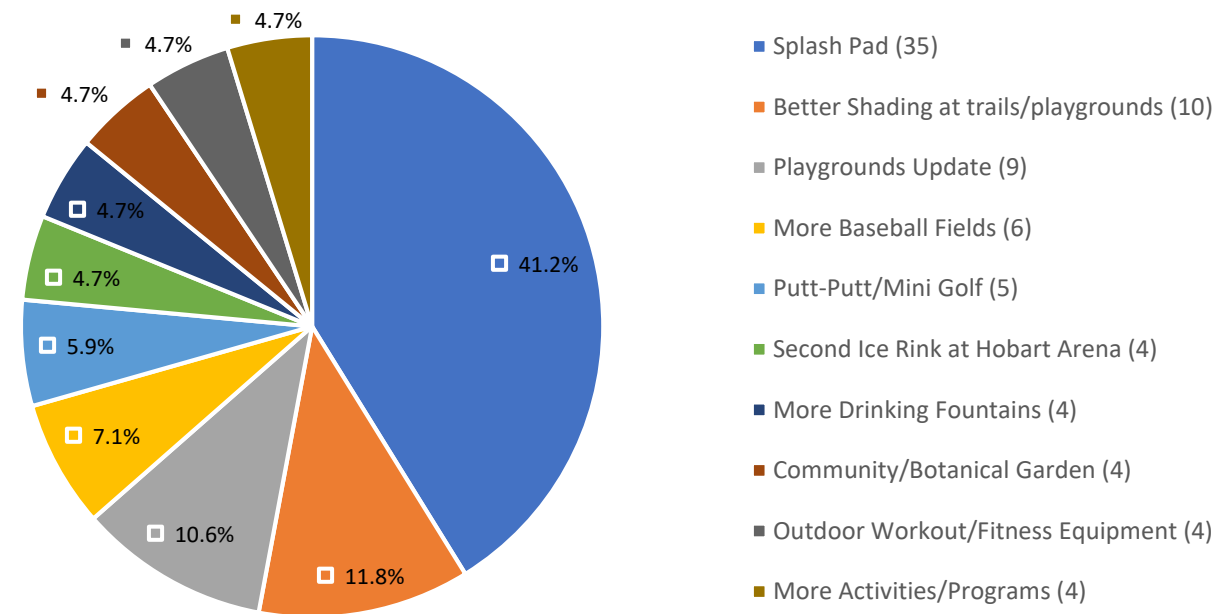
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#	Responses
107	Nature play area.
108	Reconstruction of the playground. Level out ground, use recycled materials for filler, newer toys.
109	It would be very nice to see the playground equipment upgraded, new ground materials under the equipment, splash pads and adult fitness equipment.
110	Archery range (covered).
111	Baseball fields at duke.
112	Playgrounds with more natural elements and built into the landscape incorporating things like trees and big rocks as part of the play space. Cargo nets, climbing on natural surfaces, rope swings, etc. Look into more natural playgrounds like Lost Creek Reserve has and implement things from places like Franklin Park Conservatory new children's garden.
113	In addition to a dedicated dog park or two add in larger parks dog centric area where dogs would be confined to. Land and funds and rec/play facilities required by housing developments for park and I don't mean some fenced flood retention pond like in carriage, if they are still allowed to give few bucks instead of rec land end it.
114	Splash pads.
115	I have 2 young children and it would be nice if there were pictures or listing of all equipment in each of the parks somewhere. I read thru park names and have no clue what many of them are.
116	I think it would be great if Troy had a park area that was dedicated to flowers/gardens. Columbus has the Park of Roses; other places have Arbor gardens and/or Japanese Rock Gardens. Heyward Park might be good for something like this as overall use isn't much but it could easily be linked with trails to the bike path & Hobart Nature Preserve to give a very nice overall outdoor experience. Might look at local Master Garden clubs, nurseries, landscape companies, etc. to take ownership of parts of the gardens so maintenance doesn't all fall on the city.

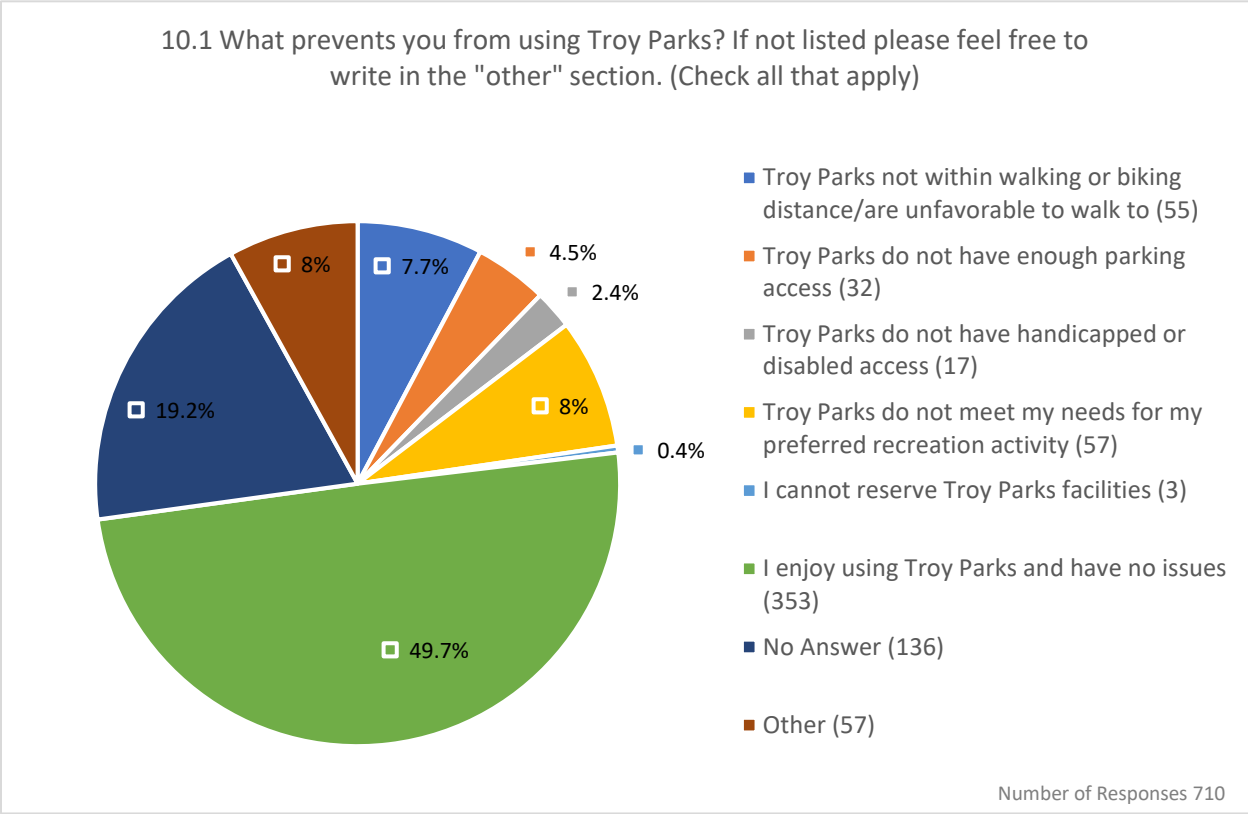
#	Responses
117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- security - lights &amp; easy access buttons to call 911</li><li>- regular supervision</li><li>- water fountains</li><li>- trash clean up</li><li>- recycle opportunity</li><li>- compost bins</li></ul>
118	More Disc Golf. Any park.
119	Love concerts but please make them more accessible. Outdoor workout equipment would be great, and also any places like Hobart Nature Preserve and Brukner are always great.
120	I think we have a great selection of parks for the size of the city, but I'm not sure the long list of very small ones brings the community as much joy as fewer, bigger parks would if those bigger ones had destination characteristics. For example, we have literally dozens of parks that I think (though I may misperceive this) people don't really spend much time in. They are landscaped and make the community look nice when you drive by (which I do value), but seem to not be visited much. If we had 10 fewer of those and diverted the care and keeping resources into one great dog park, I think people would use it a LOT. (I don't even have a dog, but I think that would be a very popular idea).
121	A splash pad and updated equipment would be nice. Troy parks font compare to the Dayton parks we drive 30+ minutes to regularly visit.
122	I think Troy would benefit from having a miniature golf place and a splash pad. Troy is probably big enough that it could have two splash pads.
123	Volleyball court.
124	More drinking fountains. Snack Bar at city park.

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Top 10 Responses



Number of Responses 85

Question 10



10.2 Responses provided in the section “Other”

Number of Respondents: 648 Answered: 57

#	Responses
1	Safety concerns.
2	We are older and would like better places to sit.
3	My only issue with the parks is the reservations at Community Park. Why do we need to reserve the whole day? More citizens could utilize the facilities if they were not reserved for the whole day. Most events are scheduled for a specific time.
4	For the most part the parks meet my needs, I do enjoy the Prouty Plaza concerts, wish there were restrooms.
5	Playgrounds get too hot to safely use in sunlight. Parks are unpatrolled and contain suspicious trash (especially Herrlinger and Menke). Lack of diverse playground and sports options at parks. Bees! Lots of bees at multiple parks. Lack of playground equipment for toddlers.
6	A lot of the parks that are not main community parks are dumps. I won't take my kids to them if they look uncared for.
7	Many of those parks are dirty, in disrepair, have old/out dated playground equipment.
8	More restrooms would be nice.
9	Troy Parks do not meet my needs for my preferred recreation activity, A few do meet my need I visit the same parks sometimes daily to walk. I would like to mix it up and bust other Troy parks.
10	Complaints listed above.
11	Not enough shade!
12	Need more natural hiking paths.
13	The smaller parks are not kept up and look run down.
14	I don't know where they all are.
15	Duke park bathrooms not easily accessible.
16	Lack of changing tables in the restrooms (men and women's because dads take kids too).
17	They only seem suitable for very little kids instead of all the way to high school and beyond.
18	They are not an attraction to outside visitors. We actually drive out of town to other parks.

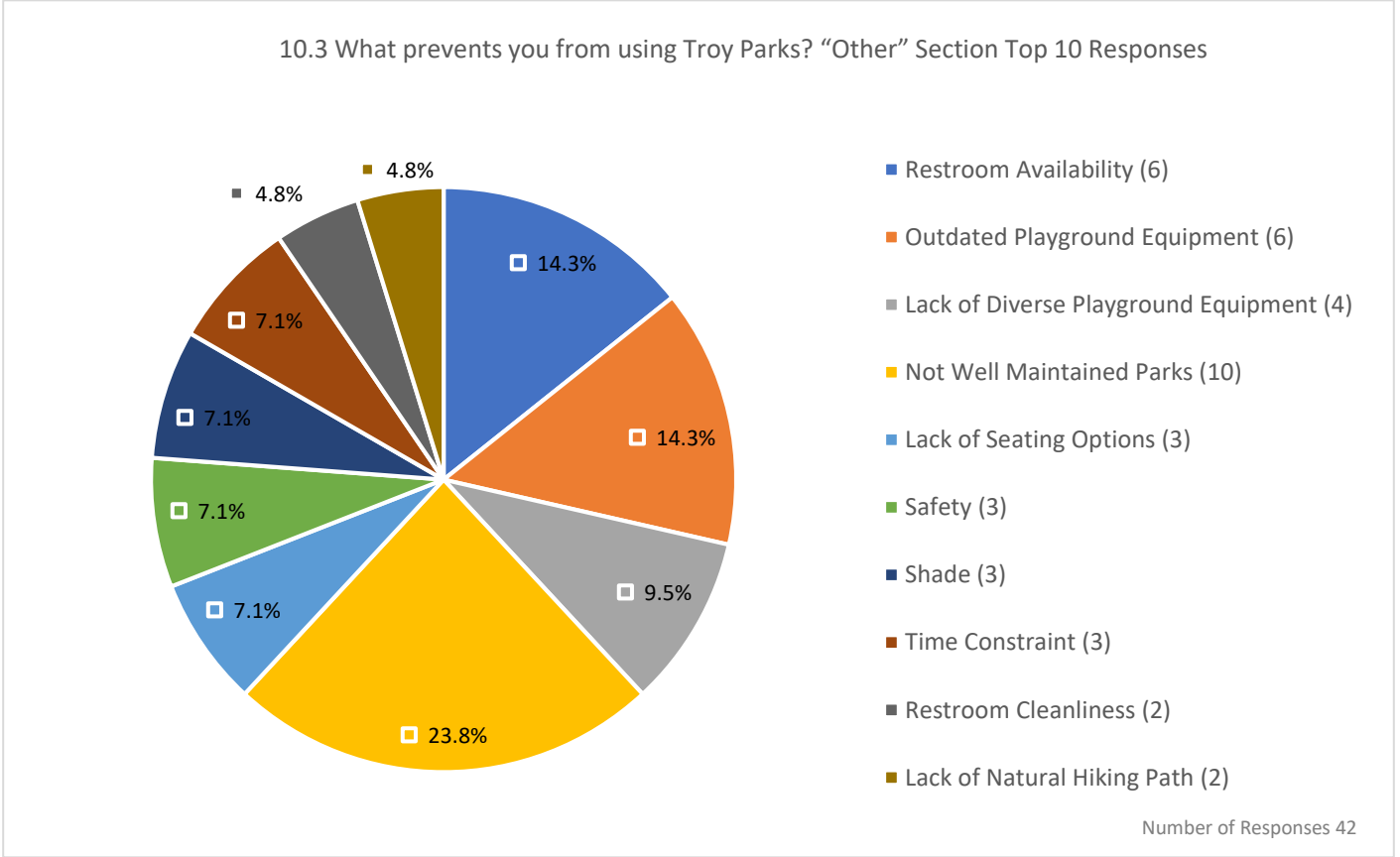


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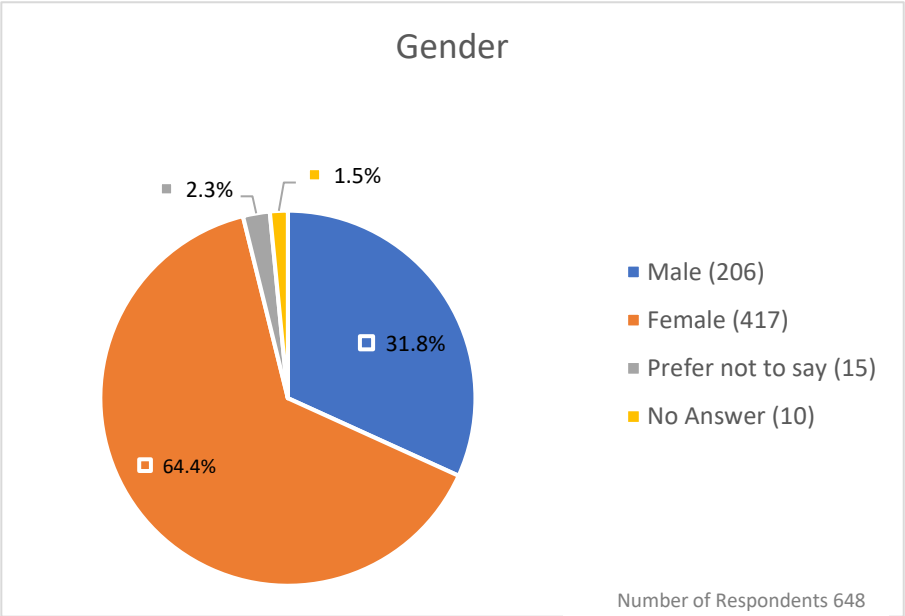
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#	Responses
19	Some parks are not well maintained and Troy Community Park always has lots of trash.
20	Old age.
21	I work here but did not live here so my usage is a little fewer and further between.
22	I have never been to the aquatic center because it always appears overly crowded.
23	I have never been to the aquatic center because it always appears overly crowded.
24	I have never been to the aquatic center because it always appears overly crowded.
25	My kids are getting older-not much geared towards teens!
26	I think we would go to Archer Park more often if there were a paved path. Also, it's probably not economically feasible, but it would be really nice if the small neighborhood parks had restrooms.
27	Maintain only some and not all.
28	Troy Parks do not meet my needs for my preferred recreation activity, I use the bike trail but it is not as well maintained in the city so I usually go south.
29	Please build splash pad!!!
30	Usually not enough time in the day.
31	I enjoy the parks for the most part. Just could seriously use some upgrades.
32	Time, I'm too busy in life.
33	Cleanliness of equipment, vandalism of parks.
34	Troy Parks not within walking or biking distance/are unfavorable to walk to. A solution would be to not take fees in lieu of parks land when Denlinger develops the Robinson property. If you require a park there then residents in Creekwood and Cedar Ridge could walk to this new park.
35	Some parks have no seating and too much sun exposure for little kids.
36	Safety (strange people).

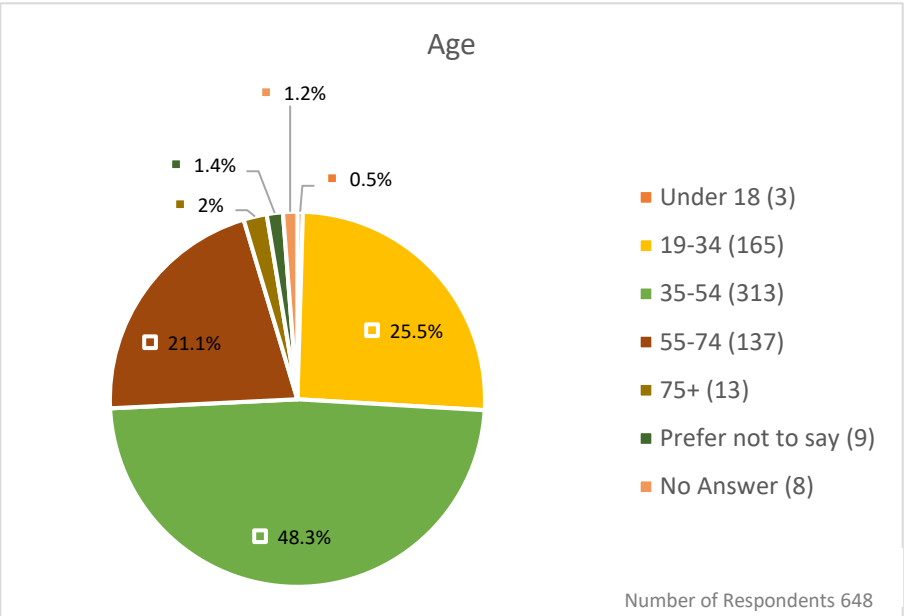
#	Responses
37	Not enough safe playground equipment. Troy community park is bad. That's the closest to me.
38	The restroom facilities are not kept up and equipment is constantly vandalized with disgusting images I want my kids seeing- city never cleans it up.
39	Need indoor round house or facility.
40	Troy Parks do not have handicapped or disabled access, Flat or easier walking paths with more frequent seating options.
41	I enjoy using Troy Parks and have no issues, except when the restrooms are locked and we have to cut our visit short to take the child home to use a bathroom.
42	Availability of bathrooms.
43	No way to access Troy parks by bike from the outer subdivisions.
44	They are old with outdated playground equipment.
45	The main parks are good, the small parks don't get used.
46	Equipment is old and needs replacing. Dirty, trash and even human feces.
47	Few nice playgrounds.
48	Unaware of what's available.
49	Too old, too far.
50	Handicapped people can use the bike path due to all the bikes that are rude.
51	Duke park is hot no trees.
52	Poor to no updates. I wish there were more opportunities to have friends and relax at a park but there is little comfortability.
53	Time constraints.
54	We could use more connecting paths.
55	Miami County Park District has so much more to offer for Nature.
56	Outdated equipment.
57	They just aren't as nice as neighboring city's parks (specifically the play areas for kids). Equipment is older. No splash pads.



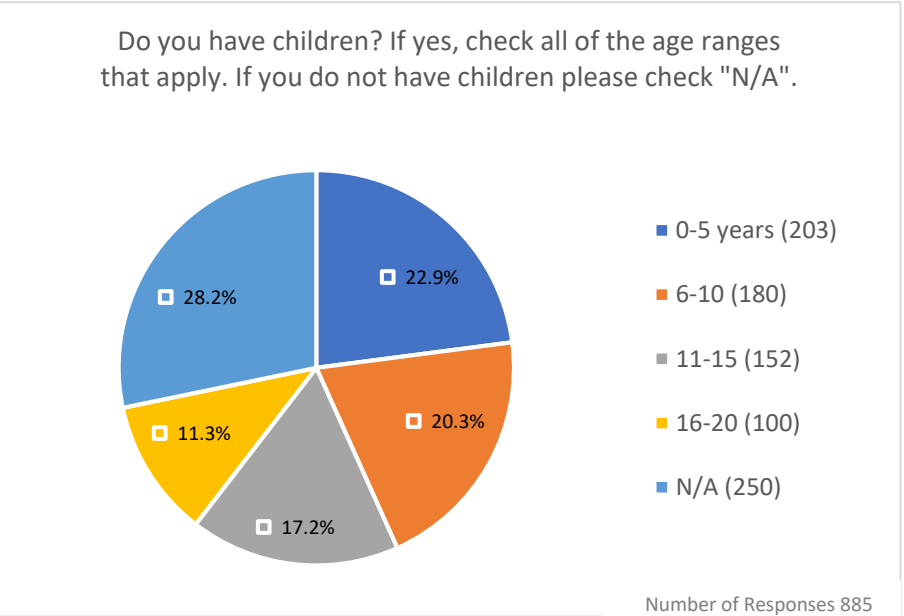
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Question 12

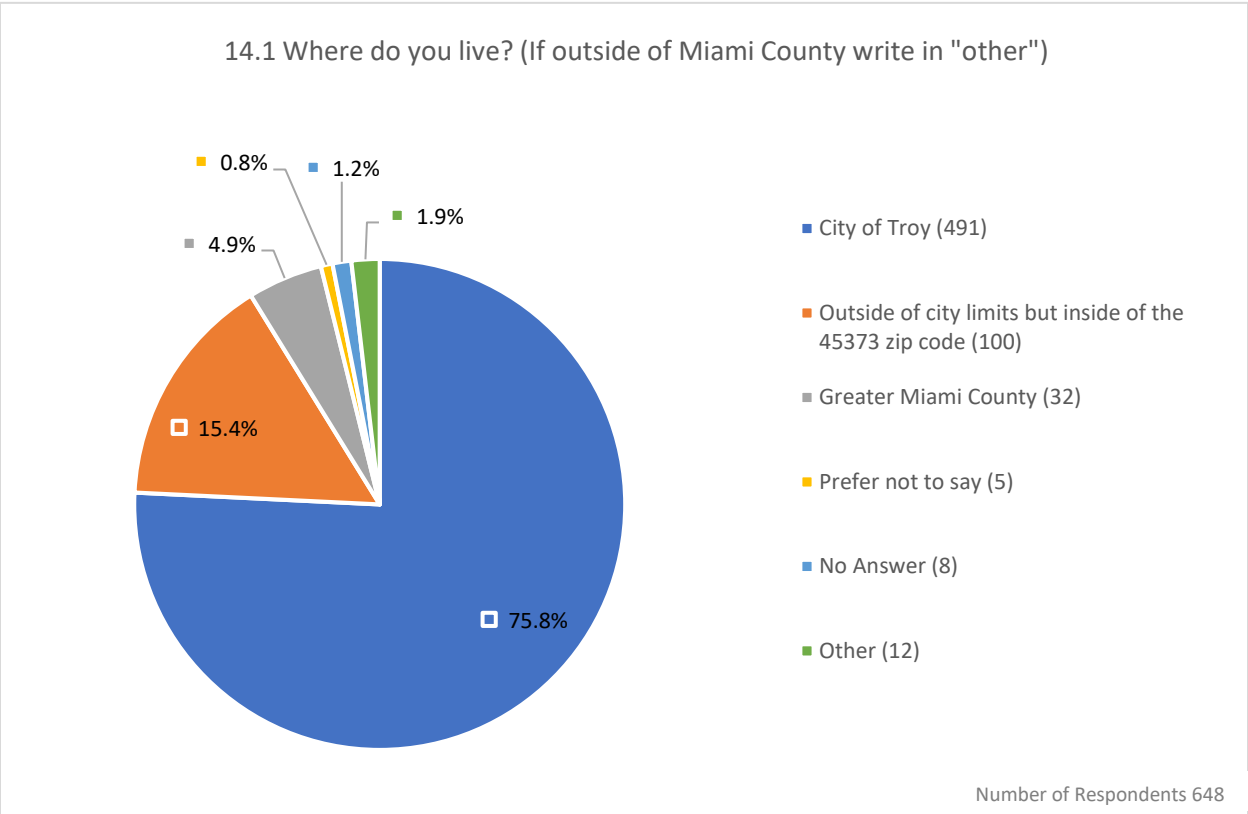


Question 13





Question 14

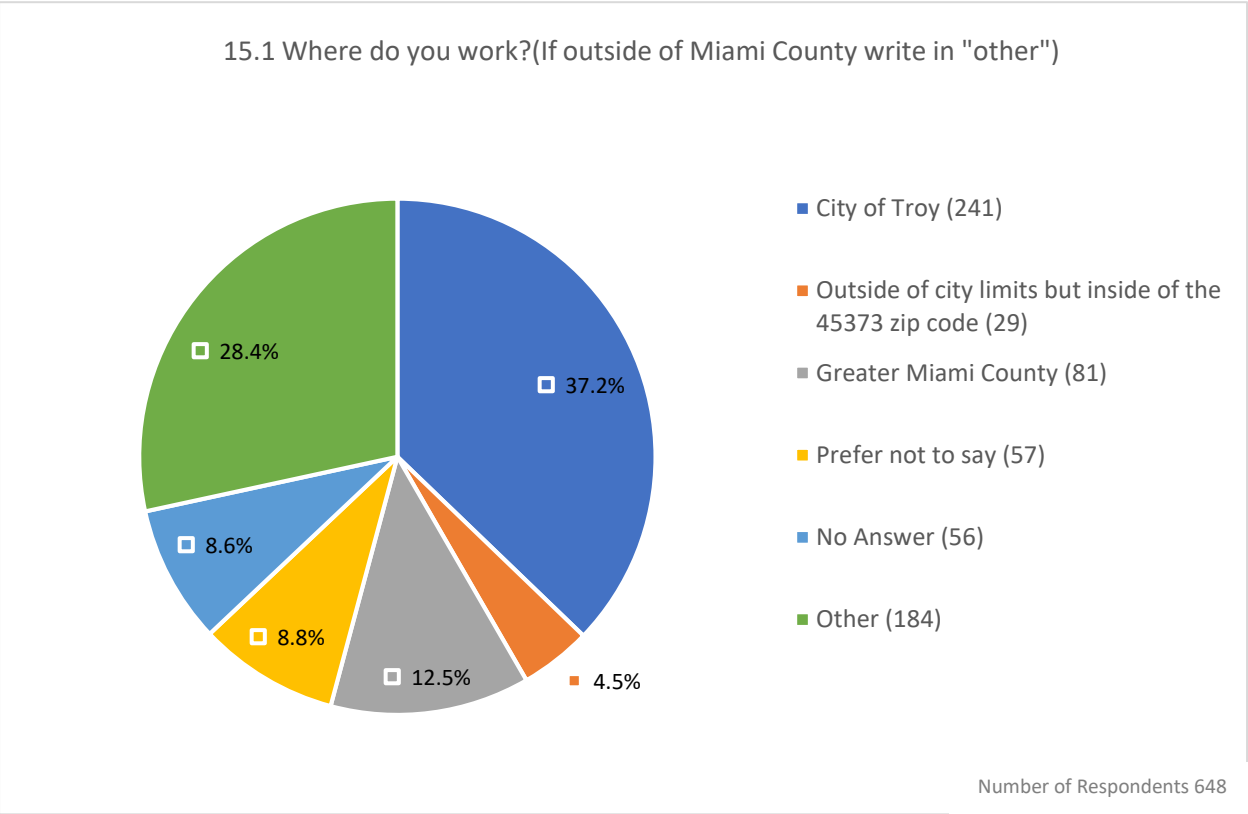


14.2 Responses provided in the section “Other”

Number of Respondents: 648    Answered: 12

#	Responses
1	Used to live in troy but currently live in Columbus
2	Miami east school district
3	43072
4	Vandalia
5	Vandalia
6	45405
7	Huber Heights
8	Sidney
9	Dayton
10	Tipp City
11	Miami East area
12	Florida

Question 15



15.2 Responses provided in the section “Other”

Number of Respondents: 648    Answered: 184

#	Responses
1	Troy during the summer and Columbus the rest of the year
2	Beavercreek
3	Greene Co.
4	Piqua
5	Dayton
6	Retired
7	Montgomery County
8	Dayton
9	Vandalia
10	Not employed
11	Troy city schools
12	Dayton
13	Retired
14	Dayton
15	Unemployed housewife
16	Dayton
17	Student
18	Retired
19	Retired
20	Vandalia
21	Xenia
22	Montgomery county as there are no real jobs in Miami county
23	Springfield
24	Retired
25	Stay at home mom in Troy
26	Anna
27	Stay at home mom
28	Retired
29	City of Sidney
30	Retired
31	Springboro
32	WPAFB
33	Stay at home mother and landlord to property outside of Miami County
34	Work from home - company outside of Ohio

15.2 Responses provided in the section “Other”

Number of Respondents: 648    Answered: 184

#	Responses
35	Retired
36	Dayton
37	Montgomery County
38	Dayton
39	Sidney
40	Greene county
41	Retired
42	Retired
43	Piqua
44	Retired
45	Urbana
46	Sidney
47	Tipp city
48	Englewood
49	Shelby County
50	Retired
51	Miami Valley
52	Fairborn
53	Retired
54	Dayton
55	Kettering, Ohio
56	Retired
57	Retired
58	Retired
59	Stay at home mom
60	Retired
61	Tipp City
62	Greenville
63	Outside Miami County
64	Dayton
65	Retired
66	Sidney
67	Stay at home mommy
68	Sidney

#	Responses
69	Dayton
70	Retired
71	Logan county
72	I travel throughout Miami and Shelby county
73	Versailles
74	Stay at home mom
75	Dayton
76	Centerville
77	Dayton
78	Stay at home Mom
79	Retired
80	Retired
81	Shelby County
82	Jackson Center, Ohio
83	Montgomery County
84	Montgomery County
85	Montgomery County
86	Retired
87	Englewood
88	Shelby County
89	Travel locally
90	Shelby County
91	Montgomery County
92	Retired
93	Moraine
94	Anna Ohio
95	Shelby county
96	St Paris
97	Vandalia
98	Retired
99	Dayton
100	Retired
101	West Carrollton



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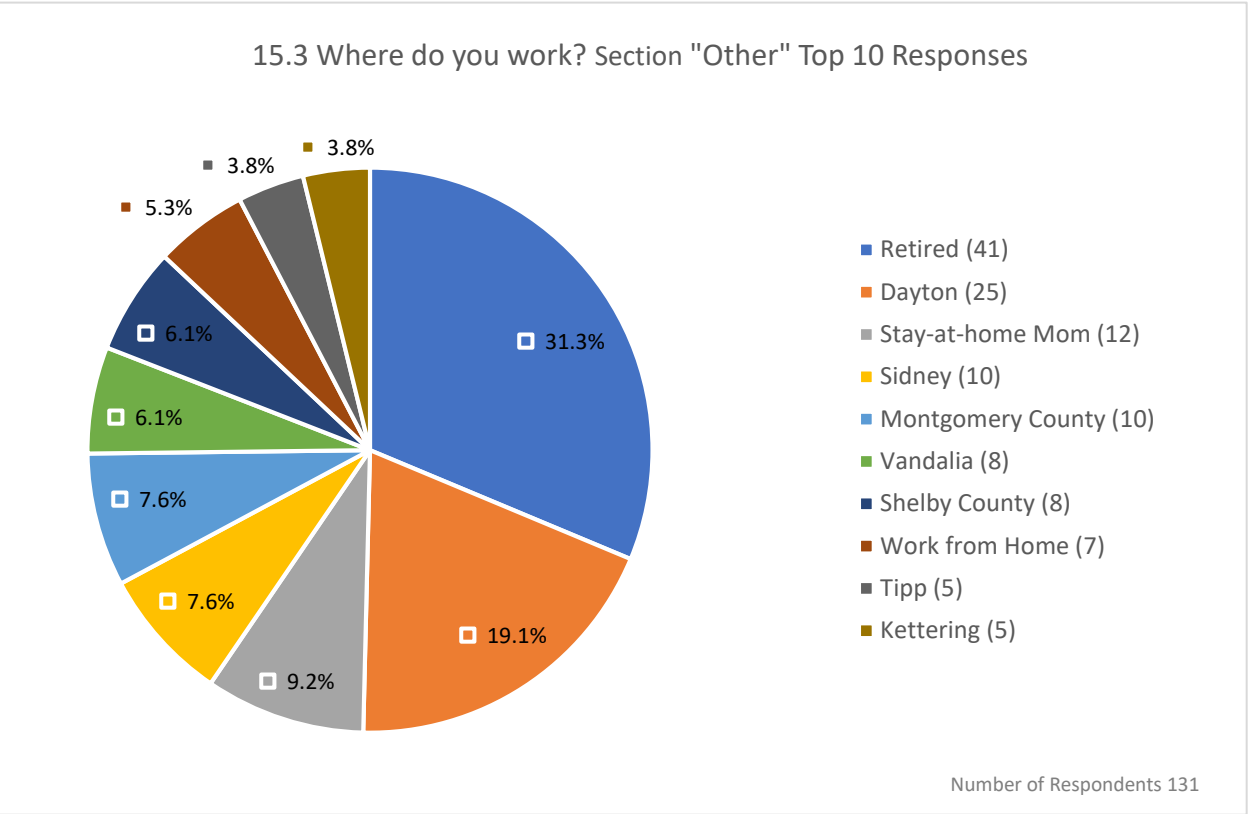
#	Responses
102	Dayton
103	West Milton
104	Darke County, Ohio
105	Retired
106	Montgomery County
107	Self employed
108	Arcanum
109	Retired
110	45402
111	Disabled
112	Tipp City
113	Tipp City
114	West Chester
115	Vandalia
116	Retired
117	Montgomery county
118	Dayton
119	Retired
120	Dayton
121	Home
122	Dayton
123	Vandalia
124	Montgomery County
125	Retired
126	Vandalia
127	Do not work
128	Miamisburg
129	Dayton
130	I work from home
131	Stay at home mom
132	Stay at home mom
133	Vandalia
134	Kettering, OH
135	Retired

#	Responses
136	Self-employed with clients in the City of Troy (for which we pay Troy Municipal Income tax), outside the city limits but in 45373 ZIP code, and all over Miami County.
137	Home daycare provider
138	Greenville
139	Wayne Truck and Trailer
140	Retired
141	Sidney
142	Dayton
143	Cincinnati
144	Kettering
145	Shelby County
146	Home
147	West Milton
148	Sidney
149	Dayton
150	Retired
151	Kettering
152	Dayton and Cincinnati
153	Retired
154	City of Dayton
155	Homemaker
156	Work from home
157	At home mom
158	Kettering
159	Shelby County
160	Stay at home mom
161	Disability
162	Retired
163	Retired
164	Dayton
165	Don't work
166	Retired
167	Retired

15.2 Responses provided in the section “Other”

Number of Respondents: 648    Answered: 184

#	Responses
168	Sidney
169	Retired
170	Retired only use park with grandchild
171	Retired
172	Dayton
173	Sidney
174	Tipp City
175	Greenville
176	Vandalia
177	Dayton Children’s Hospital
178	Florida
179	Stay-at-home mom
180	Sidney
181	Springfield City schools
182	Retired
183	Disability
184	I work from home but for a Toledo company



Question 16

**16.1 Any other comments/suggestions about Troy Parks that was not covered above?**  
Number of Respondents: 648   Answered: 152

#	Responses
1	City of Troy Parks are great!!
2	We have wonderful quality of life amenities! (Parks are treasures!) Variety for all ages.
3	We really need a free splash pad and a secondary public pool.
4	Overall, I really like Troy's parks! Thanks for asking for ideas!
5	We need a Putt-Putt Golf and Go Carts. Tired of driving to other communities for those things.
6	The parks department does an excellent job of maintaining our park system, especially since adding so many new amenities that they must take care of. I don't like the snow fence that is put up before concerts at Treasure Island--it's ugly and takes away from the beauty of the setting, however; the green fencing is much better than the orange that was first put up. Likewise, I don't like the fencing that is put up around the fountain during the Strawberry Festival--ruins the beauty of the fountain.
7	Splash pad.
8	I strongly encourage a second sheet of ice at Hobart that will allow more flexibility in scheduling hockey practice.
9	We enjoy the parks and the events/live concerts that take place!
10	I would use Herlinger Park if they would put restroom facilities there. I have grandchildren and live within walking distance and find this something that has been overlooked for years.
11	Our investment in parks recently has been needlessly cosmetic and without major benefit to families (treasure island flood park, golf course clubhouse). Lack of space for roller sports is a concern. Lack of inclusivity with extensive bike path or things to do with them.
12	Would love a splash pad!!
13	Need more parking for south soccer fields at Duke Park and Archer Park.
14	Splash pad.
15	Often take grandkids to the parks. Play equipment often dirty. Better maintenance?
16	Keep promoting activities and future parks and rec plans.
17	Get some of the old trees properly trimmed or cut down the dead stuff...a dead branch fell from one of the old tall trees at the city park and almost landed on top of my then 2-year-old niece...that was only about a year and a half ago...so we are careful to not walk through that area anymore.

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18	Splash pad, more trash cans on bike paths.
19	We have 5 grandkids who have used soccer, basketball, swim, and baseball/softball facilities. Restrooms closer to fields at Archer Park would be helpful.
20	Think more monitoring may be necessary. In summertime have noticed cars in back of park, lights off, suspicious activity.
21	It would be nice to have another dog park in Troy. The dog park at Duke park is often crowded.
22	I am afraid if schools get consolidated, some parks like Campbell will have nothing. Right now, people use the Cookson playground as part of the park.
23	I would like bike paths to expand past city limits more extensively
24	I would love to go to the parks if there was mini golf and splash pads and fun little things like that! I would be willing to pay for the mini golf as well if it was similar to what is in Englewood as that is the closest one to troy that is outdoors!!!! It would also serve as a great way to help fund raiser for THS athletics and events :)
25	We use Treasure Island for kayaking frequently. There is quite obviously a LOT of drug activity happening in the parking lot. It is often times unnerving to leave a vehicle in the lot while out on the river and certainly a bit scary to have small children around suspicious cars and questionable activity. This happens literally every time we visit the park. It would be nice if police presence was upped in this area or at least monitored more frequently.  Also, the SAY soccer program could use a facelift. My family travels to play soccer in West Milton because soccer isn't offered for younger kids in Troy. There is a huge market for soccer here and I'd rather spend my money in town for recreation.
26	It was covered but our family and our neighbors actually travel to other cities such as Huber an Englewood to enjoy the splash pads an ice cream. We also have a Troy pool pass but the splash pad is something fun and different for the kids of small ages.
27	Thank you to the people who take care of our parks! They do a great job!!
28	I would like to see some free splash pads for the kids - thanks for asking for input!
29	Summer program to clean, repair.



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30	Maybe have a clean up the parks event for school kids. It would be a great activity for high school and junior high aged kids to get involved with. Also quit putting money into places like Treasure Island that floods and Miami Shores where you have to be a member!! Those are the things that makes me want to move away!
31	I wish we could take better care of our current parks. Also seems like too many parks to maintain well. Or need to increase park staff. We need better baseball fields. Seems like we should be able to compete with neighboring communities but ours are not good at all. It would be great if we had a complex that could bring teams in for tournaments. Do not spend another dime on Treasure Island. A total waste. Stop building parks on flood plains. (Treasure/ Beamish Island and Knoop Complex).
32	Would love concerts on the Saturday and more 80's rock style. Current concerts in same days and same era leave many of us unable to attend or uninterested because era or style of music is always the same. Not all of us want to hear country or golden oldies.
33	Equipment should be better maintained. I have seen outdated, broken, or equipment removed and not replaced after having been broken.
34	Stop with the freaking bike lanes & change the square back! It's stupid un-needed & dangerous!
35	Splash Pad would be awesome!
36	I really think some money should be used to put up a shade at the top of the bike path on two poles so the entertainers would not be looking into the sun. Also, if they would have extended the levels of seating all the way to the top of the hill it would be one of the best facilities around. Sitting in a chair and leaning forward that gives you the feeling of falling makes it hard to find a level place on the hill!
37	Another ice rink is needed. There is never enough ice time. If we had two rinks Troy could host hockey and skating tournaments which would bring in a lot of money into the city.
38	Stop using Prouty plaza for concerts. There's plenty of other places to have them. Downtown is to high traffic and not big enough for small events. However, I like closing the entire square for large events and I encourage that.
39	Would love to see splash pads at other parks like Archer and Duke.
40	Lived in Troy my whole and have always bragged about Troy parks and even worked there in college yrs. I wish they could be better maintained but feel that park Dept doesn't have enough workers to maintain the little things I would hire younger workers to do more laborer intensive work.

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41	If indoor walking places wasn't covered here, then that! More. Of. These!
42	It would be nice to see more sitting benches around the playgrounds.
43	Please keep the neighborhood parks in better condition. They are a large part of the smaller neighborhoods. The entrance to Westbrook park is unattractive and the grounds are not kept up. Nothing has been done to it since I moved here going on 5 years ago other than mowing. I have 8 grandkids and part of the reason we chose this neighborhood is for the park.
44	Easy-to-access map of all Troy park locations.
45	Splash pad.
46	Add an indoor soccer field.
47	A splash park would be amazing!!
48	Please start thinking about what the purpose is for things you are adding to our city. Ask yourselves, who are we trying to attract? What potential concerns and safety hazards might exist? Will this be beneficial to families of all ages and stages, and is this sustainable in the long run? Not everyone in Troy wants to ride a bike around town!
49	Yes. Need more understanding/information about Troy Parks.
50	Don't increase taxes to pay for anything park related and do not increase the park budget.
51	Treasure Island was a huge waste of money!
52	Water fountains at the parks and bike path would be helpful!
53	Troy keeps getting better and better. One of the best parts of living here is the number of parks (city and county) and opportunities within them. I love the new mountain bike trail. I have loved the bike trails long before there were bazillions of people on them. I love late night walks with my pups (and husband) on the levee any time of year. This is a beautiful city. I just made a presentation that included how well Troy has placed its bike paths to get children safely to school and people to town. Good job, Troy! Keep innovating and getting better!
54	Plant more trees.
55	We are so fortunate to have our parks. If a park is not utilized as much as others, that's ok, because it enhances citizens' lives by its existence.
56	I thought that the original plan for Duke park had camping. Wouldn't this be something that groups like scouting could use. I'm not for camping for individuals but church or scouting groups or similar would be nice.
57	The neighborhood parks have a problem with drug deals going down in them.

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58	Too many parks with next to nothing in them. They are not an attraction piece. If treasure island could build a “water area” like Thomas Cloud park or the Greene Shopping Center.
59	We are not doing enough to bring Troy residents let alone out of towners into our parks. This has been set aside way too long. My family and I go outside Troy to another park.
60	Would love to see a splash pad built for those kids that can’t access the public pool. I have an autistic child that loves the splash pad but we have to drive to Huber Heights. The public pool is too chaotic for her.
61	Thank you not paying an outside group ton of money for a survey.
62	Indoor recreation facilities will be badly needed if/when a new elementary school is built because the current gyms will no longer be available.
63	The aquatic park needs some major attention. You can tell that it's old, its age is seen throughout the facility. It is not maintained well at all and is falling apart.
64	2nd ice sheet at Hobart is needed.
65	As a resident of the Edgewater, I am confused as to what park we have in our neighborhood.
66	Invest in existing park maintenance and enhancements.
67	Some of the neighborhood parks could greatly benefit from a facelift, such as new swings, splash pads, play areas for smaller children, and more shade areas/picnic areas.
68	Please do not put in anymore bike lanes!! I do use the City of Troy roads quite frequently!
69	I greatly appreciate you seeking the opinion of local residents!
70	More dog parks.
71	We have noticed the mowing has not been as nice as in the past along with the cemetery mowing hasn’t been up to par either...
72	Our family has always appreciated the abundance of parks in Troy. We love to park hop (visiting servers parks in one day) and definitely have our favorites. Thanks for offering the survey!
73	The online reservation system for the park shelters at Community Park is a little confusing.
74	Again... Splash pad and non-smoking parks are of utmost priority with children!
75	Overall the parks are good....

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76	A walking or bike path from the Kensington / Edgewater subdivision would be nice for bikers so we don’t have to ride on the busy 50 mph road with traffic flying by.
77	Second sheet of ice at Hobart Arena.
78	I love our parks! It is one of the many things about Troy that I am really proud of. I did not grow up in this area, and I have never before lived in a place with so many lovely neighborhood parks. Thank you for putting in restrooms at Archer Park; we started going there a lot more often after the restrooms were built. It is great to see the development of Treasure Island. Once our kids get a little bit bigger, we will be more interested in kayaking and canoeing there. Love our aquatic park also!
79	No more bike lanes!!!! We are not a biking area, especially with over half of our year being a colder area. The few bikers I see do not use the bike lanes. They ride in the road or in the sidewalk, even when the bike lanes are right there!! It is very frustrating for those of us who are coming into the city limits to do shopping, use the parks, etc.
80	We need softball fields more that are designed for youth. not men’s and woman’s softball leagues.
81	Sensory park for kids with disabilities and who are autistic would be phenomenal.
82	Hockey and security are the two biggest things I want to improve. With the growth of Troy, I am concerned about upkeep and potential taxes, fees, and levies. I would like to see services keep up with what we have more effectively before investing in more growth. I love hockey and desperately want a second sheet of ice. However, I think this should not be a priority until what we have in this city is better managed.
83	Like to see restrooms at all parks. Troy Rec programs have continued to utilize them year after year and other organizations. Motto many, many times teams are in need for bathroom breaks and Troy hasn’t fulfilled the safety in which is needed.
84	Would visit some of the other parks if they were more offered other than just a green space. Green spaces are important to the community, even if they're underutilized. Once it's built on, or the natural habitat is removed it's hard to revive or bring back. The amount of open/ green space is a reason we relocated to this area.
85	There are cigarette butts all over the ground at playgrounds and it's disgusting - plus parents breathing heavy 2nd hand smoke right near my kid's faces if very frustrating. Please, please, please put up NO SMOKING signs around playgrounds and have police enforce the law. Thank you!
86	We appreciate have so many nice parks to visit.
87	Our grandson plays hockey.

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88	Please clarify that Edgewater park is not the ponds. We have a lot of people, many from outside the county, that fish the ponds. They leave trash around and ignore the private property signs listed. I assume the park refers to the wooded area.
89	Water fountains and bathrooms are high priority. Little kids can't wait a long time to find a place to use the restroom.
90	Thank you to the staff at the City of Troy as I believe they do a great job and are great ambassadors of the City.
91	Higher Quality of Maintenance.
92	Electricity to more shelters.
93	I didn't realize that the neighborhood parks were for public use.
94	Get a splash pad at one of the parks. My kids love going to the one in Englewood.
95	Change the Troy logo back and quit adding stupid bike lanes through busy trafficked roads. Save that shit for the parks.
96	Bike paths should be just that, built specifically for that purpose - not taking away lanes for cars that outnumber bike greatly and bikes can still legally use car lanes.
97	Definite Need for Permanent Public Restrooms for Downtown Concerts / Events on Prouty - access for daily downtown shoppers as well!
98	Jeremy Drake, Ken Siler and all that are involved with our parks system are doing an amazing job and the citizens of Troy are very fortunate to have the access we do to parks and recreation here in Troy.
99	Better and more concerts at Prouty Plaza. Easier access and able to walk around. Parking at Treasure Island is not easy. Do not take away Prouty Plaza by adding shelters, benches, etc. It is so very special.
100	Free WIFI would be nice. To go and relax while working my business would be awesome!
101	The city needs to learn to use the taxpayer funds WISELY instead of constantly mismanaging it for idiotic projects that don't matter (i.e. roundabout, when lights work better and less costly). City Council is a bunch of ignorant snobs who don't care what the people really want so we all know this survey is bs.
102	We love Duke park... We are there 2-3x/wk.
103	The play equipment at Duke park is old and worn, but I think that worse that that the grounds around the equipment are not maintained making it hazardous for the children when exiting the slides, hanging bars, etc. The general condition of the parks I go to look like the bare minimum is being done to maintain the overall appearance, and that's all that is being done.

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104	Electric hook ups at shelters.
105	Continued growth at Troy mountain bike area.
106	Did we mention that we'd like the bathrooms to be open? (We actually use the parks in the winter and early spring and it's a bummer when the bathrooms are locked).
107	Good parks overall.
108	Shelters are dirty and duke park shelters need electricity.
109	The Miami shores golf course is way underused. Less than 15% of the population golf, and most don't do it here. It is a waste of money and a drain on the taxes. It should be converted to a Botanical Garden for the use of everyone, not just the elite. I am tired of my tax money subsidizing a golf course for the city council members. The new proposed club house for them to get drunk in is a disgrace.
110	I would like to see a splash pad incorporated in Prouty plaza. I would like to see restroom/play structure/ community gardens at McKaig and Race Park. McKaig and Race Park should be renamed History Lucille Wheat Park.
111	Love the new treasure island amenities and restaurant.
112	Troy junior baseball facilities at Knoop are a disgrace.
113	I would love to see more collaboration with the local fitness community to host fitness events at local parks. I have much enjoyed the Wednesdays on Prouty Plaza this summer and hope to see similar events in the future. I think it is a fantastic way to promote healthy lifestyles, local fitness communities and businesses, and the positive use of Troy parks!
114	I love the parks!
115	Our family really enjoys the parks. We really like the trails so any additional connectivity is a plus. Connecting Eldean to Duke would be a nice loop. Comparable to the loop around Piqua. Keep up the good work! Thank you!
116	Do not see a need for any more baseball or softball fields. Let Little League handle it! no need for bike lanes —even the current ones. Feel like Titterington is the only one using them and just doing what he wants for himself!!!!
117	Some free outdoor water feature would be so much fun for families with small children. Big hit in Fairborn and Englewood.
118	Move the concerts to Treasure Island and not downtown. You spent the money to make an outdoor concert area (undersized in my opinion) at Treasure Island so is use it! Concerts downtown make driving through town a pain when you put concerts on in the plaza.



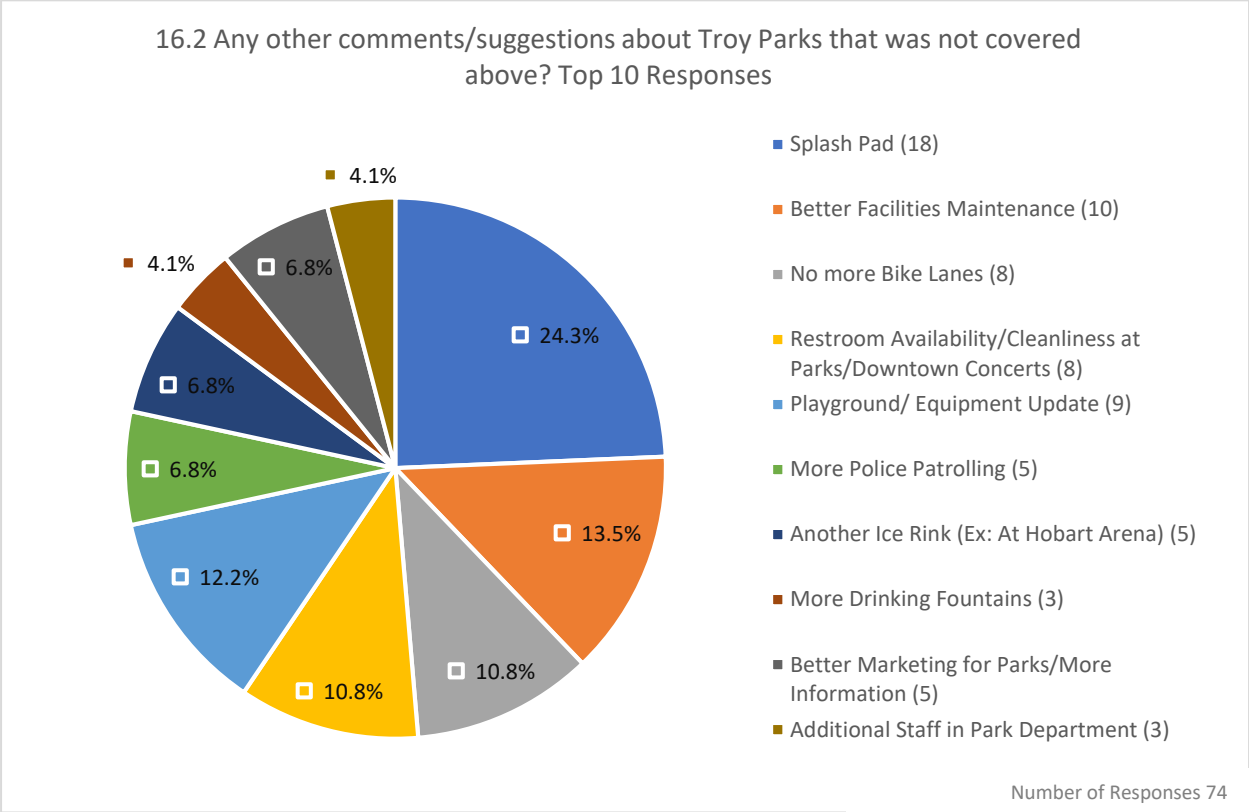
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119	Cross walks need to be visible and safe.
120	Duke Park needs more cross paths to get back to parking. If you walk around the baseball fields towards the entrance you have to cut back along the road. Vandalia Rec has great paths.
121	Not on topic but the Troy Library needs updated terribly! This should be very high priority. Go to any of the new Dayton or Vandalia branch. I would love to see it look like those! They are beautiful, inviting and also have outdoor spaces to sit.
122	Continue to offer constructive things for kids to do in Troy.
123	No park to walk to in my neighborhood and it's a huge neighborhood! Off of Stoneridge closer to Market. Landscaping at Archer Park. It looks unfinished and isn't pleasant at all. There are no benches near for people watching children playing on equipment. The mulch or whatever is under the play equipment needs to be replaced more frequently it gets so gross with trash etc. All parks I've been to in Troy are like this. Look into new material to put under equipment? More trees and shade. I would like to see new and exciting things that other parks don't have. If nothing else better maintenance of play equipment and for the parks to be kept cleaner. Walking paths around play areas for moms with strollers. More benches. Updated equipment. Appealing landscaping.
124	Wind activated kinetic sculptures park on levee or TI would be relaxing and might drag a few I-75 Canadian tourists in. Funding not my problem but, 1, Hire a Hogwarts Wizard/Witch to conjure the funds and his/her fee. 2 If failing in that resubmit the recent rec levy which got clobbered with a more detailed explanation of why it was to cost one Million for each youth baseball field. That was the first/ only tax levy state, local, or school I've ever voted against. I know two other people who felt it a deal breaker also and I only discussed it with three. Scale back the development of that area leaving funds for other areas and leaving half /third of area as pocket prairie grassland for educational display/hiking/bird watching. Should leave enough for basics only diamonds, lawn chair seating, no paved, park on grass only. If it is muddy won't play ball anyway Leave enough for some more reasonable ideas which probably would not include wind sculptures.
125	Additional marketing of the parks. I had never heard of the majority of those listed in the survey.
126	Love Prouty Plaza, hate Treasure Island... put the concerts back on Prouty Plaza.
127	I have been riding my bike to work + I just love it. I live in Westbrook ride through Heywood+ take the bike path. Thank you!

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128	See money spent on parks and bike trails and they are not used, they still ride and jog roads with no shoulders. They disrupt traffic and ignore road signs, laws, and common sense.
129	Keep of the good work! Thank you.
130	Would like to see a handicap launch area for kayaks. This could be used by people that have special needs requiring supervision, physical needs, even seniors, those with arthritis or limited range of motion, bad knees, etc.
131	You should have the baseball and soccer orgs help pay the cost of the facilities they depend on. If they monopolize the schedules from the general public they should have to pay.
132	Please stop wasting tax payers' money on land for baseball fields how about more places to fish spend money on obtaining the old gravel pit on Dye Mill Road older people like to fish not too many places around troy.
133	A freshen up maintenance system (paint, ground cover for play areas, fill in mudholes & increase patrol to decrease dog owners from allowing their dogs to run free. Older individuals having walking issues + cannot get away from aggressive dog.) This results in a fall + injury.
134	Install bottle filling station at parks, downtown and municipal bldgs. There are shortages in available shelters in Troy Parks. No Need to construct more, but Park Dept could coordinate to outreach program to direct inquires to other shelters available in area (i.e. WACO, YMCA, churches, etc.) Coordinate use of non-city properties to use for soccer tournaments @ WACO, churches, YMCA, etc.) So that city doesn't have to expand & maintain ???-- use what is available in community. For instance, WACO probably doesn't want to sponsor a soccer tournament, but they have space that is maintained for the airfield that could be scheduled for use by the Troy Rec. Dept. periodically.
135	My husband and I are huge outdoors people. We enjoy some aspects of Troy parks, but when we want an enjoyable walk we go to Charleston Falls or Stillwater.
136	Add more disc golf courses, they are minimal investments, low upkeep, and bring in a lot of people. Duke park has enough land to handle a full 18-hole course that could host events and tournaments that would draw in revenue from all over. The sport is growing a lot, look at the course in Belmont and what it generates for the city. It needs to be professionally designed and have certain features, but it could bring in a lot of people and events. I would even be willing to help design it and help coordinate events. You can contact me if you are interested at andrew_larck@ahm.honda.com.

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137	Keep up the great work.
138	I think you should put a full 18-hole disc golf course in duke park.
139	With all the land purchased by Duke park, why can't that be rezoned for a new elementary school?
140	Maintenance is a high priority. Parks Department is under staffed. The parks are average, need taking care of better.
141	Maybe putting signs in place that have a set of rules for the playground. Not for the children so much as the adults. While at Duke two adults sat on the slide inside the playground blasting extremely vulgar rap music at full volume. They were also smoking as well. When the gentleman walked away my husband and witnessed him pulling a syringe from his pocket. Several parents heard the music, smelled the smoke and left. Nothing is hurting the parks more than the people that are taking advantage of them. There are never any police in sight. At treasure island several people are smoking and no one says anything to them except other patrons.
142	Really need girls' softball fields.
143	I always have a ton of ideas to improve Troy! Is there anywhere I can leave suggestions? I just happened to come across this survey...maybe make the parks more known? Advertise? There are some parks on the list that I'd never even heard of. Also, please keep the schools where they are. We like the school playgrounds. We like being able to walk our kids to school. Please help Troy grow, but at the same time maintain its small-town feel! I can be reached by email at afeltner2@yahoo.com if you really want to know what the people of the town are thinking :)
144	Hopefully citizen input is considered———— no more bike lanes!!!!!!!
145	Work within budget and not continue to ask for more money.
146	I appreciate the City's upkeep of the parks and the landscaping all over.
147	Originally from Troy and am back frequently but live in Florida.
148	With so many families with children the updating of parks and a splash park should be a priority.
149	Stop putting money into bike paths in town and please use that money to upgrade community park instead.
150	Funny this showed up tonight. My daughter just spoke tonight about the equipment at Community Park needing replaced and updated. Said she was junior or senior high school when it was new. She graduated in 1993.
151	Better access to duke and troy park from Co Rd. 25a by bike and car.
152	Keep restrooms clean more frequently.



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